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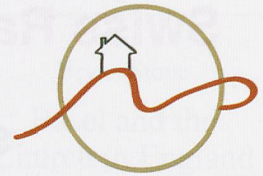
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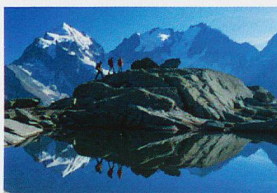
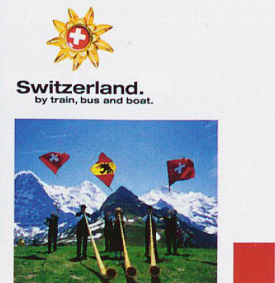
## Ivan Rodrigues from the STC writes:

**W**e would like to inform SRS members some important changes to the Swiss Travel System products for 2017. From 1st January 2017, it will no longer be possible to purchase the Swiss Half Card combi. The standard Swiss Half Fare card will still continue as well as the range of different Swiss Travel Passes/Flex. In general SBB has decided to increase prices for next year between 2-3%. Another important development holders of a Swiss Travel Pass/Flex can travel free of charge (on validated travel days) on Mount Pilatus, the world's steepest cog railway (48% gradient) from Alpnachstad to Pilatus or via areal cableway from Kriens. If you are staying in Luzern why not take advantage to visit Mount Pilatus or Mount Rigi or do both for free with your STS pass.

As you may be aware the 'Wilhelm Tell Express' will be replaced by the 'Gotthard Panorama Express' which captivates

the contrasts from Luzern (by ship) over Lake Luzern, and by train along the spectacular Gotthard panorama route to Ticino. This service operates Saturdays and Sundays from 14th April to 30th June, and daily from 1st July to 22nd October. The compulsory supplement is CHF 24 but you can travel either in 1st or 2nd class. Did you know that the Top Three most visited museums using the STS pass are: No.1 - Chillon Castle Nr. Montreux; No.2 - Luzern's Glacier Garden; No.3. - Matterhorn Museum at Zermatt. Next year there will be access available to more than 500 museums with a valid Swiss Travel Pass. More information can be found [www.museumspass.ch/en](http://www.museumspass.ch/en).

Finally we are pleased to inform SRS members that STC will continue to offer 5% discount on STS passes and STC packages. To book please call 020 7420 4900 and remember to quote your membership number. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all SRS a very Merry Christmas and look forward to assisting you with your travel requirements for 2017. 



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