

INTERNATIONAL SKI CLUB OF GENEVA (SCIG)

SCHWYZ – GROSSER MYTHEN - RIGI

WEEKEND OF 23 AND 24 JULY 2022 – DIFFICULT

We spend a weekend in Central Switzerland around Schwyz, climbing two iconic Swiss Peaks with stunning views in beautiful countryside – we explore postcard Switzerland and the Rigi, the “Queen of the mountains”

Day 1- Saturday, 23rd July 2022 (11km, +600m/-1,570m, 4.5 hours)



We take an early train from Geneva to the Rotenflübahn in Rickenbach in Schwyz. The gondola will take us up to 1,570m from where we will start our ascent to the Grosser Mythen. This will take us along a popular hiking route through pasturelands. After a steep climb to the top, we will have a well-earned picnic, or you can purchase some lunch at the restaurant. The top offers a spectacular panorama to all sides and overlooks all the Schwyz canton. In the afternoon, we will descent slowly towards our hotel in Schwyz through a protected wildlife reserve and may get a glimpse of ibex, chamois and other local wildlife.

Day 2- Sunday, 24th July 2022 (18km, +1,300m/-1,450m, 7 hours)



From our hotel in Schwyz we take a bus to Arth-Goldau. From here we start our ascent to Rigi Staffel through cool forests, along streams and pasture lands. Once we have arrived at Rigi-Staffel, we can optionally climb to Rigi-Kulm to reach the very top. Rigi offers sweeping views in all directions and is nicknamed the “Queen of the Mountains” in Switzerland. We will have our lunch at Rigi-Staffel (picnic or restaurant) and descend slowly to Küssnacht (SZ), from where we will return to Geneva.

Inscription and Deposit: Sunday, July 17, 6pm or before by email to Matthias.rittmeier@live.com. To secure your spot please send the deposit of CHF 50 to IBAN CH27927916893140X at UBS Switzerland AG. The deposit will be used against the cost of the accommodation.

Please send with your email:

- *Your full name*
- *Email/Mobile Phone number*
- *Confirmation that you are generally fit and can hike for around 5 hours per day without difficulty*
- *Ski Club Member – yes or no*
- *Preference for double room or dormitory*

To bring: Light overnight bag, sufficient layers, Picnic for day 1, hiking poles (if you prefer them), hiking boots, sun-cream, sunglasses, hat/cap, raincoat

Transport and Meeting Point: Train/Bus from Geneva to Rickenbach (SZ) on Saturday and return from Küssnacht (SZ) to Geneva on Sunday. All participants are responsible for their own train tickets for arrival and departure and tickets can be purchased in advance on www.sbb.ch. Meeting point at 6.30am on Platform 6 at Geneva Cornavin station. Departure at 6.42 to Zürich. The total journey will take around 4 hours and I will join the train in Zürich.

Return Journey: We will travel back from Küssnacht (SZ) around 16.30 or later, depending on the progress we make on the day. Please arrange your own onwards travel.

Price and Deposit: CHF 5 club tax (members), CHF 15 (non-members) per day, train tickets (to be purchased individually) plus food and accommodation.

Accommodation: Hotel and Backpacker Hirschen, Schwyz. CHF 55pp (dormitory with breakfast), CHF 68pp (double room with Breakfast)

Maximum participation: 8 persons + leader

Leader: Matthias Rittmeier

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Rain/Bad Weather: The weekend will be cancelled in case of bad weather. Matthias will send an email with a decision a few days before the weekend and all deposits will be refunded.

Disclaimer: The SCIG does not provide health, accident or liability insurance coverage. You must have personal (accident) insurance and mountain rescue insurance (e.g. REGA) is highly recommended. By registering to this hike you accept responsibility for making your own determination as to the suitability of the activity and for your own safety, conduct and well-being and agree to participate solely at your own risk. The hike leader is not a professional guide.