

INTERNATIONAL SKI CLUB OF GENEVA (SCIG)

SÖRENBERG – BRIENZER ROTHORN - EISEE

WEEKEND OF 17 AND 18 SEPTEMBER 2022 – DIFFICULT

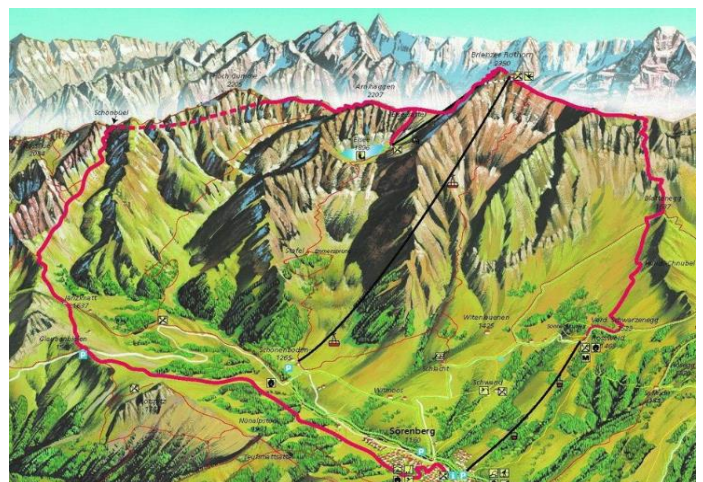
We spend a weekend in Sörenberg, climbing the famous Brienzler Rothorn and following the Ibex Trail along steep ridgelines, sparkling lakes and panoramic views all around us.

Day 1- Saturday, 17th September 2022 (9.5km, +1235m/-470m, 4.5 hours)

We take an early train from Geneva to Sörenberg, which is located in the UNESCO Biosphere Entlebuch. We will start gradually ascending from Sörenberg through pasture lands and varied landscape towards the back of the Brienzler Rothorn Ridge, which stands towering above Lake Brienz and is visible from far away. The ascent to the Rothorn is steep but we will be rewarded with glimpses of local wildlife such as ibex and marmots. We will have our packed lunch along the way and enjoy the views from the top with a cool beer. A short descent will take us to the Eisee, where the brave can take a swim at 1900m altitude. We will have our well-earned dinner and spend the night at the local mountain hut (Berghaus Eisee).



Day 2- Sunday, 18th September 2022 (17.5km, +670m/-1,475m, 6 hours)



From the mountain hut at Eisee we will hike back up onto the main ridge which we will follow for around an hour and where we will maybe spot some more ibex, chamois or marmots. After a morning break, we start our descent back through varied landscapes. The route offers sweeping views in all directions and will lead us back into Sörenberg, from where we will take the train back to Geneva.

Inscription and Deposit: Sunday, September 11, 6pm or before by email to Matthias.rittmeier@live.com. To secure your spot please send the deposit of CHF 50 to IBAN CH27 0027 9279 1689 3140X 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 6 hours per day without difficulty*
- *Ski Club Member – yes or no*
- *Preference for double room or dormitory (depends on availability at the hut)*

To bring: Toiletries and cotton/silk sleeping bag, sufficient layers, Jacket/Jumper for evening, Picnic for day 1, snacks, hiking poles (if preferred), hiking boots, suncream, sunglasses, hat/cap, raincoat. If you have dietary requirements please bring your own suitable snacks and check with Berghaus Eisee for dinner options for vegetarians/vegans.

Transport and Meeting Point: Train/Bus from Geneva to Sörenberg Post on Saturday and back on Sunday. All participants are responsible for their own tickets for arrival and departure and tickets can be purchased in advance on www.sbb.ch. **Meeting point at 7.30am Saturday on Platform 6 at Geneva Cornavin station. Departure at 7.42 to Bern.** The total journey will take around 3.5 hours and I will join the group in Schüpflheim from where we take the bus up to Sörenberg on Saturday morning.

Return Journey: We will travel back from Sörenberg around 16.30 or later, depending on the progress we make on the day. Please arrange your own 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: Berghaus Eisee below Briener Rothorn, CHF 85pp (dormitory with dinner and breakfast), CHF 110pp (double room with dinner and breakfast), 033 951 4014, eisee@soerenberg.ch

Maximum participation: 9 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 proposed routes involve walking along ridges and include steep ascents in places. It may be unsuitable for people with vertigo and/or people who are scared of heights. The paths are well maintained but can be narrow. 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.