

INTERNATIONAL SKI CLUB OF GENEVA (SCIG)

AARGAU'S CASTLES

WEEKEND OF 6TH AND 7TH JULY 2024 – MEDIUM/EASY

We spend a weekend in the canton of Aargau, following the Jura Crest Trail and passing by the famous Linner Linden Tree and the historic Habsburg Castle

Day 1- Saturday, 6th July 2024 (19km, +370m/-680m, 5 hours) – Staffelegg to Brugg



We take an early train from Geneva to Staffelegg, which is a popular mountain pass and hiking spot above the historic town of Aarau. We will follow the Jura Crest Trail and stay high above the Aare valley to visit the famous Linner Linden Tree. The route stays on the ridge and offers excellent views across the Aare Valley and across the Jura Park. Depending on our arrival time, there will be some time to explore the old town of Brugg on the banks of the Aare before our well-earned dinner. We will spend the night at the hotel Rotes Haus in Brugg.

Day 2- Sunday, 7th July 2024 (19km, +568m/-430m, 5 hours) – Brugg to Lenzburg



From our hotel in Brugg we follow the Aarau Way past the Habsburg and Wildegg Castles through forests and meadows with occasional views over the Aare Valley and across to the German border. Habsburg Castle is the historic home of the famous Habsburg dynasty, which ruled parts of Europe for many centuries. At Castle Wildegg we will take some time to look around the rose garden and stop by for a picnic and coffee. The last stretch takes us to the vast Lenzburg Castle, which sits above the historic town of Lenzburg and overlooks wide parts of canton Aargau.

Inscription and Deposit: Thursday, July 4th, 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 5 hours per day without difficulty*
- *Preference for single or double room. There are only limited single rooms available and they will cost more.*

To bring: Toiletries and essentials for overnight stay, sufficient layers, Jacket/Jumper for evening, Picnic for day 1, snacks, hiking poles (if preferred), hiking boots, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat/cap, raincoat. If you have dietary requirements please bring your own suitable snacks and let me know in advance so I can find a suitable restaurant.

Transport and Meeting Point: Train/Bus from Geneva to Aarau on Saturday and a bus up to Staffelegg and back from Lenzburg on Sunday. All participants are responsible for their own tickets. Tickets can be purchased in advance on www.sbb.ch. **Meeting point at 7 am on Saturday on Platform 4 at Geneva Cornavin station.** Departure at 7.15 to Aarau and on to Staffelegg, Passhöhe. The total journey will take around 2.5 hours and I will join the group at Aarau. Anyone who wishes to travel up the night before is welcome to do so, meeting point is on the Saturday morning at Staffelegg, Passhöhe.

Return Journey: We will travel back from Lenzburg around 5pm or later, depending on the progress we make on the day. Please arrange your own travel onwards.

Price: CHF 10 club tax for SCIG members (30 CHF for non-members), train tickets (to be purchased individually) plus food and accommodation.

Accommodation: Hotel Rotes Haus in Brugg, CHF 80pp on average, breakfast optional, choice of single and double rooms. Matthias will book limited rooms in advance for 12 people.

Activities in the Area: For those of you that want to travel up on Friday or make a long weekend out of it, there are various activities in the area that you can arrange in your own time: Aarau Old Town, Spa 47 in Baden or Spa in Schinznach Bad, Castle Hallwil, Lake Hallwil or you can rent rubber dinghies in Bremgarten (AG) to float down the Reuss River for over 10km. Let me know if you have any questions.

Maximum participation: 9 persons + leader

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Rain/Bad Weather: The weekend will be cancelled in case of heavy rain but go ahead in case of light showers or mixed weather. Matthias will send an email with a decision a few days before the weekend and all deposits will be refunded.