

# INTERNATIONAL SKI CLUB OF GENEVA (SCIG)

## *EINSIEDELN-ZUG-CHERRY BLOSSOM TRAIL*

*WEEKEND OF 27 AND 28 APRIL 2024 – MEDIUM/EASY*

***We spend a weekend in Central Switzerland, hiking over rolling green hills with views of the famous cherry blossoms in Zug.***

**Day 1- Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024 (19km, +720m/-860m, 5.5 hours) – Einsiedeln to Unterägeri**



We take an early train from Geneva to Einsiedeln, which is home to the famous Einsiedeln Abbey. We will start gradually ascending from Einsiedeln through pasture lands and alpine meadows towards Lake Aegeri, which is nestled beautifully into the surrounding rolling hills and framed by green hills and meadows on all sides. The route will follow an old pilgrim's trail past the mountain bogs of Rothenturm and offers views of the Central Alps. We will have our well-earned dinner and spend the night at the Hotel Freihof on the shores of Lake Aegeri.

**Day 2- Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024 (19km, +555m/-469m, 5 hours) – Zug to Goldau**



From our hotel in Unterägeri we take a bus to Zug and pick up the cherry blossom trail. The trail takes us through the old town of Zug and along and above Lake Zug through meadows and little villages where – with a bit of luck – we will see the cherry blossoms and their beauty. We will have small stops on route to enjoy the views and finish the day in the lakeside village of Goldau with a coffee and a slice of Zuger Kirschtorte. Arth-Goldau station is well connected and from here the group can make its way back to Geneva.

**Inscription and Deposit:** Thursday, April 25th, 6pm or before by email to [Matthias.rittmeier@live.com](mailto: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*
- *Preference for single or double room*

**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, suncream, 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 Einsiedeln on Saturday and back from Arth-Goldau 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](http://www.sbb.ch). **Meeting point at 6.45 am Saturday on Platform 4 at Geneva Cornavin station.** Departure at 6.59 to Bern and Einsiedeln via Zürich and Wädenswil. The total journey will take around 4 hours and I will join the group at Zürich Main Station. Anyone who wishes to travel up the night before is welcome to do so, meeting point is Einsiedeln station at 11 am on the Saturday morning.

**Return Journey:** We will travel back from Arth around 16.00 or later, depending on the progress we make on the day. Please arrange your own travel.

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

**Accommodation:** Hotel Freihof in Unterägeri, CHF 75pp on average, breakfast optional, choice of single and double rooms, [www.freihof-aegeri.ch](http://www.freihof-aegeri.ch). Rooms are already booked.

**Maximum participation:** 9 persons + leader

**Leader:** Matthias Rittmeier

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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.

- By registering, you agree that you are fit for this level of hike and/or that you have previously participated in a similar hike with SCIG.
- By registering, you confirm that you carry insurance against accidents and mountain rescue, including helicopter rescue operations. (See REGA: <https://www.rega.ch/en/home.aspx>) Check with your employer to see if you are properly insured.
- The hike leader and SCIG disclaim any and all liability for accidents related to this hike.