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UNESCO World Heritage in Switzerland

World Heritage Days: discover the UNESCO World Heritage up close!

Switzerland celebrates the World Heritage Days on 8 and 9 June 2024: a weekend of culture, nature and history. Activities and special events invite the public to get to know and appreciate the UNESCO World Heritage.

In Switzerland there are 13 UNESCO World Heritage properties: some bear witness to the history of the earth, others embody Switzerland, its traditions and its duty to protect the environment and the past. A good reason to focus on our heritage once a year, on **World Heritage Days**, and bring it closer to the local population.

Events that make the hearts of culture and nature lovers beat faster

The **World Heritage Days** invite the population to become aware of Switzerland's rich cultural heritage and natural beauty. Special programmes are offered for the occasion at nine locations throughout Switzerland.

For example, visitors can discover the pile-dwelling history up close in solar-powered boats on Lake Neuchâtel. On Monte San Giorgio (TI), children step into the shoes of a palaeontologist for a day and learn how an excavation works. Visitors can discover the work of a restorer, a monument conservator and a carpenter in the Abbey of St. Gallen. Nature lovers can learn more about the 'Swiss Alps Jungfrau-Aletsch' World Heritage Site on a guided hike in the Lauterbrunnen Valley (BE). The 'Tectonic Arena Sardona' organises an adventure day for the whole family in Glarus. Railway fans should not miss the Rhaetian Railway Festival in Bergün (GR). And if you want to immerse yourself for a day in the Middle Ages, you can take a trip back in time in the Fortress of Bellinzona (TI). Other exciting guided tours are offered in the watch towns of La Chaux-de-Fonds and Le Locle (NE). In the monastery of St. Johann in Müstair (GR), a historical mural painting will be brought to the public exclusively for this day.

During the weekend of 8 and 9 June you can discover unknown, unique and extraordinary things in many places! Information on **World Heritage Days** and detailed programmes for visitors: www.worldheritagedays.ch

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