



CLC Grand European 2015, Schweiz

Cadillac Club of Switzerland



PROGRAM

Wednesday, August 26th

from 12:00 The Welcome Desk is open from noon. In front of the hotel entrance there is not much space for cars, so after unloading your luggage and getting the team-information, please park your Cadillac as soon as possible at the place indicated to you.

If you have registered for the tour to the Säntis on Thursday, you should purchase your vouchers right away on Wednesday at the Welcome Desk. The tour will take place only if the weather is appropriate.

19:00 Our president welcomes you at the Welcome Dinner at the restaurant of the hotel Seedamm Plaza.

Thursday, August 27th

The driving distance on Thursday is approximately 210 km. Although there are several gas stations along the route, we recommend to fill your tank the evening before. Parts of the route are Autobahn. For these parts you need a toll sticker, which you can purchase at gas stations if you have not done so yet.

08:00 Departure of the teams that will go to the Säntis by cableway. The vouchers for this tour should be purchased on Wednesday, since we need to inform the personnel of the cableway of the number of passengers in advance.

After a short drive on the Autobahn we leave it at Eschenbach and drive over the Rickenpass (805m ü.M.) to Wattwil. From there we follow the river Thur upwards and then climb to the Schwägalp (1350m ü.M.), from where the cableway to Mount Säntis starts.

The voucher you have purchased is valid for one person and must be handed over to the personnel of the cableway. The cabin has a capacity of 85 persons, so we will be able to ride to the top in one trip. At the summit (2473m ü.M.) we enjoy a fantastic panorama, and if you like, you can have a coffee at the restaurant.

Then we continue to Urnäsch and Gonten to Appenzell. Part of this route, especially at the beginning, has a steep downward gradient. Be very careful not to overheat the brakes and switch the automatic transmission to level 2 or 'low'! The distance driven from Pfäffikon to Appenzell is about 85 km.

10:00 Departure of the other teams to Appenzell. We use the Autobahn for a short while and leave it at Eschenbach. Then we tackle our first pass, the Rickenpass, 805 m ü.M., and enjoy a pleasurable cruise through the hilly prealpine landscape of the



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Toggenburg. We circumvent Wattwil and continue at Lichtensteig with a drive over a second pass, the Wasserfluh-Pass (843m ü.M.). The route from there down to St.Peterzell has a steep downward gradient. Be very careful not to overheat the brakes and switch the automatic transmission to level 2 or 'low'!

We continue through Schönengrund, Waldstatt und Hundwil through a picturesque landscape to Appenzell. The distance from Pfäffikon to Appenzell on this route is about 73 km.

about 12:15 Parking of the cars at the schoolhouse "Gringel". Here, there is not much room, so please follow closely the directions of our people helping you there.

12:45 - 14:45 After the teams from the tour to mount Säntis have arrived, we have lunch at the Restaurant "Säntis" in Appenzell. (The service personnel will ask for the corresponding voucher). The "Romantikhotel" and Restaurant "Säntis" is situated directly on the Landsgemeindeplatz at the center of Appenzell, and we will enjoy a meal typical of the region. A group of musicians will give us an impression of the famous musical tradition of the Appenzellerland.

about 15:00 In groups we will explore the sights of Appenzell with guides who will also tell us many interesting facts about the history of the town and the half-cantons of Appenzell Innerrhoden and Ausserrhoden (english and german).

about 16:30 Return to the hotel Seedamm Plaza. We leave the hilly landscape of Appenzell and drive eastwards through Gais down to Altstätten in the Rhine valley. Here, one can continue with a leisurely cruise on local roads or choose the faster way on the Autobahn. We suggest to continue till Sennwald and only then to take the Autobahn. The distance from Appenzell back to the hotel Seedamm Plaza is about 121 km.

20:00 Dinner at the restaurant of the hotel Seedamm Plaza.

Friday, August 28th

On Friday, we drive about 110 km.

09:00-10:45 Drive to Lucerne to the Verkehrshaus (Swiss Museum of Transport).

From Pfäffikon we drive through the hills shaped by glaciers of the last ice-age towards central Switzerland. Through the landscape with characteristic moraines and small lakes we reach Hütten and then Menzingen. From there it is a long descent with many beautiful views down to Zug at the Lake of Zug. (Caution: it may not seem steep, but it is long. Prevent overheating of the brakes by switching to a lower gear).

Then the road guides us along the shore of the Lake of Zug to Arth.

Now we turn our backs to the Lake of Zug and cross over to Küssnacht at the Lake of Lucerne and continue along the lake through Meggen to Lucerne and the Verkehrshaus.

Here we parade our Cadillacs through the main entrance to the central arena of the museum where we park and present our cars (guarded by personnel of the museum) to the public.

Please note: Entry to the Verkehrshaus is only possible with the corresponding voucher



which will be collected at the entrance. Teams not having booked the visit of the Verkehrshaus and passengers without voucher are not allowed to enter. The car will have to be parked at the public parking space.

13:00 The Planetarium of the Verkehrshaus Lucerne is the only large planetarium in Switzerland and belongs to the exclusive few able to present dome-filling moving pictures on its 508 m² area. You will enjoy a special show of 45 minutes.

14:00 The guided tour (english, german) of Lucerne begins at 14:00. By coach we visit several places of interest where guides will take us on short walks to see the various sights, e.g. the Lion Monument or the KKL (Culture and Conference Center) built by Jean Nouvel.

16:45 The boat for the dinner cruise will be ready for boarding at the landing of the Verkehrshaus. Please be there on time and keep your voucher ready.

exactly 17:00 Departure of the boat. Since the regular public boat traffic uses also the landing, our boat must leave on time and **can not wait**.

We will enjoy a leisurely round trip on the Lake of Lucerne with breathtaking views of the alps, the lake and its lovely shores. During the cruise we will be served the dinner in the saloon of the ship.

20:00 The ship is back at the Verkehrshaus, and we start our Cadillacs for the trip back to Pfäffikon. Again, we drive along the Lake of Lucerne to Küssnacht, where we change to the Autobahn. At Baar, the Autobahn ends, and after a short drive over the small pass Hirzel we reach Pfäffikon using again the Autobahn. The trip takes about 60 minutes (60km).

Saturday, August 29th

08:00 - 11:00 Saturday morning, the judges of the CLC determine which cars respectively teams will earn one of the awards sponsored by John Foust of Honest John's Caddy Corner. To this purpose, all cars should be parked on their designated parking spaces of the hotel. Furthermore, all participants should place their vote for the Publics Award in the voting box at the Welcome Desk **not later than 10:00**. (The voting cards are in the bag every team receives at registration).

11:00 After a short drive of about 17 km we reach the parking space of the Restaurant "Drei Könige" at Einsiedeln. It is situated directly besides the large square in front of the monastery and its church with their impressive semicircular front.

12:00 - 14:00 For the lunch at the restaurant "Drei Könige", the service personnel again will require the corresponding voucher.

14:15 - 15:15 Guided tour (english, german) of the monastery. The monastery of Einsiedeln is an important part of the Jacobs Way and is renowned worldwide for its cultural treasures, in the church with the Black Madonna as well as in the vast library with rare handwritten documents from the middle ages. Some of these highlights will be shown and presented to us by guides of the monastery.

We individually return to the hotel, and it remains enough time to prepare for the gala



evening, be it at the bar or in the hotel room before the mirror.

- 18:00 Comfortable coaches will bring us to the Hotel Seeburg in Lucerne. There is no dress code for the evening. Casual is quite ok, but of course, evening gown and tie are also allowed and will fit the ambiance well.
- 19:00 If the weather allows, we can enjoy a drink for starters in the romantic park of the hotel under the trees directly on the border of the Lake of Lucerne. Should the weather not be so compliant, we can retire to the covered terrace in front of the ball room.
- 20:00 The Gala Dinner will be served in the marvellous Panorama Ball Room of the hotel Seeburg. The large impressive wall painting will be our background and through the glass front we will see the alps in the light of the setting sun. Music to dance and a classy Rock'n Roll Show will entertain us. Highlights of the evening will be of course also the presentation of the awards and the various expected speeches.
- about 01:00 The coaches for the return to Pfäffikon will arrive one after the other. As soon as one is full, it departs. The drive back takes about 45 minutes.

Sunday, August 30th

- till 11:00 Checking out of the hotel
- 12:00 - 16:00 The teams that do not want to depart immediately after breakfast will meet around noon at the Hotel-Restaurant Waldstätterhof in Brunnen.
- Brunnen is a short drive of about 40 minutes (36km) away from Pfäffikon, a drive through a lovely landscape with many magnificent views. There, directly on the border of the Lake of Lucerne, under shady trees and with a breathtaking view of the lake and the alps, every team is offered coffee and a piece of cake or an ice cream for free.
- In addition, a luscious barbecue buffet can be enjoyed for a mere CHF 25.-. Vouchers for this buffet can be purchased at the Welcome Desk in Pfäffikon. It comprises a salad buffet and then spare ribs, chicken breast, giant prawns, beefsteaks, various sausages, vegetables on a spit, baked potatoes, corn cobs and various sauces. The sensationally low price is made possible by the generous support of our Club Insurance provider, Claudio Gianella of IBC Direct.
- Not to be missed is also a visit to the Victorinox Visitor Center in short walking distance from the Waldstätterhof. The modern interactive museum presents the long and exciting history of the worldwide known Swiss Military Knife as well as milestones of the tradition-rich company Victorinox. At the exclusive Brand Store one can acquire all variations of pocket knives you can imagine, as well as household and professional knives, watches, luggage, clothes and many other things as special souvenir.
- From Brunnen, there is a direct connection to the Autobahn direction Zurich/Basel/Bern or Chur.
- 16:00 Official end of the Grand European 2015.

