

# Spring Mini Friendship Week





Please read this information pack for full details of this event before making your booking.

Spring Mini Friendship Week is open to all ages and genders. It is particularly suitable for families, Trefoil Guild, and those looking for a low physical activity programme. Families with young children, please note the longer coach travel time on the Zurich day.

The event includes three programme days and two free days. On the free days you are welcome to relax at Our Chalet or arrange your own activities. Please note that Our Chalet cannot arrange any activities or transport for you for the free days, you must organise and book these yourself.

When you're ready to book you can send a booking enquiry [here](#).

If after reading the information pack you have questions about this event, or suitability for you/your group, please e-mail [info@ourchalet.waggs.org](mailto:info@ourchalet.waggs.org).

**Dates 2027: 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> April**

**Prices 2027:**

<b>Adults/youth age 16+</b>	<b>Youth age 6- 15</b>	<b>Child age 3-5</b>
CHF 1119	CHF 1095	CHF 682.50

Note: Infants (age 0-2) are free of charge but must be included in your booking. We are not able to provide travel cots. Infants must be supervised by an adult at all times, therefore for some activities (such as Eisstock and chocolate making) your group will need an adult not taking part in the activity to supervise infants in your group. Our Chalet staff cannot supervise infants at any time.

Children under 12 AND under 150cm must use a car seat or booster cushion. Our coach company has a very limited number of these available. If you are booking for multiple children who need a car seat you may be required to provide your own.

# PROGRAMME



The next few pages give an overview of the programme activities included in this event. If you are unsure if any activity is suitable for you/your group, please contact [programme@ourchalet.waggs.org](mailto:programme@ourchalet.waggs.org) before making your booking.

**NOTE: All programme activities are subject to change depending on availability of suppliers and weather conditions.**

## Important information about programme:

- This event is open to anyone (Guides and Scouts and non-members of all genders). The recommended minimum age is 6 years. Younger children are welcome to join, but may not be able to fully participate in all activities or may need support from adults in their group to participate.
- Leaders/parents/guardians must accompany their youth participants on all programme activities and are responsible for first aid for their group at all times
- For Guide/Scout groups, it is the responsibility of the group to check that activities meet their Member Organisation's rules and are covered by their travel insurance.
- Transport to/from the coach pick up point and to/from the ice rink and museum is available to participants with a permanent disability or medical condition that affects their mobility **when you inform us in advance**. In all other cases groups are responsible for any costs associated with additional transport for their participants, e.g. taxis in lieu of walking.
- While this event has low physical activity, all participants **should be able to comfortably walk 200m and get on/off a coach unaided**. Wheelchair users should be able to self-propel 200m or attend with someone who can assist them (Our Chalet staff are not permitted to push wheelchairs). Wheelchair accessible coaches can be booked but you **must inform us of the need to for this at time of booking as wheelchair spaces are limited**.



## Lindt museum and Zürich

Visit the famous Lindt factory, take your photo with the giant Lindt ball fountain, find out how chocolate is made, and, of course, do some chocolate tasting!

Then ride the boat into Zürich where you can take part in a scavenger hunt, join us on a walking tour, or just take your time to explore at your own pace.

### **Practical information:**

Travel to/from Zürich area is by coach, journey time approx 2.5 hours each way.

The Lindt factory had step-free access. Walk from Lindt factory to boat dock approx. 650m (10 mins) mostly flat. Boats are accessible via ramp. Zürich old town is mostly flat with some cobbled streets.

Toilets, including wheelchair accessible toilets, are available at the Lindt factory, on the boat, and in the city centre. Please note wheelchair accessible public toilets may require a Euro Key to open. Our Chalet is not able to provide a Euro Key.

The Lindt factory can get very busy and may involve queuing.



### **Eisstock and Adelboden museum**

Learn more about Swiss culture and our local area by trying the traditional Swiss sport of Eisstock and visiting Adelboden's local museum.

Eisstock has some similarities to curling, learn the rules with a local coach before competing with each other to crown a winning team!

The Adelboden museum contains many local treasures, which you can learn about with our local museum guide.

#### **Practicalities:**

Walk to Eisstock: Approx 1.7km (40 mins) including steep uphill and downhill. A public bus can be used to cut the walk to 1km. Guests may also choose to take a taxi at their own expense.

Walk from Eisstock to museum: Approx 200m uphill.

Return to Our Chalet: Approx 2km (45 mins) including steep uphill and downhill.

Eisstock requires reasonable balance and good strength in at least one arm. Manual wheelchair users can access the ice and play in their wheelchair.

Toilets, including wheelchair accessible toilets, are available at the Eisstock.



## Lake boat cruise and chocolate making

Marvel at the beauty of Lake Thun with a boat cruise from Spiez to Interlaken. Take in the mountains, lake-side villages, and clear blue waters on the 1hr20 ride.

Once in Interlaken it's time to make your own chocolate with a Funky Chocolate workshop (approx 1 hour). Then there's some time to explore the many souvenir shops and watch the paragliders land in Interlaken while your chocolate sets!

### Practicalities:

Travel to Spiez/from Interlaken by coach. Travel time approx 45 mins to Spiez and 1hr from Interlaken.

Boat and Funky Chocolate have step-free access. Toilets, including wheelchair accessible toilets, are available at Spiez boat boarding point, on the boat, and in Interlaken.

Walk boat dock in Interlaken to Funky Chocolate: Approx 500m, flat.



## Evening programme

On programme day evenings we also offer an evening programme after dinner. This lasts between 1 and 1.5 hours and is an opportunity to learn a new skill, play fun games, or discover international culture.

## Free Days

You will have a free day between each programme day. On these days meals are provided as usual. Guests are welcome to relax at Our Chalet or arrange their own activities.

Please note Our Chalet cannot arrange or book activities or transport for free days, guests must do this themselves.



Our indoor accommodation is offered across two buildings:

Main Chalet opened in 1932 and offers dorm rooms, triple rooms, twin rooms and a single room. The largest dorm room can sleep up to 14 participants. None of the rooms in Main Chalet have bunk beds.

Spycher House opened in 1999 and offers one dorm room (sleeping up to eight participants), quad rooms, twin rooms and two single rooms. Some rooms in Spycher House have bunk beds.

Rooms will be assigned to your group by our Guest Services staff based on your needs. To maximise availability, groups may be split across both buildings. Our staff always ensure at least one leader is in the same building as participants from their group.

Participants from different groups do not usually share rooms (unless by request). However, different groups will share the same common facilities such as bathrooms and hallways. Our Chalet is open to Scouts and Guides and non-members of all genders.

For details of wheelchair accessibility in our indoor accommodation please e-mail [info@ourchalet.wagggg.org](mailto:info@ourchalet.wagggg.org). As a broad overview, accommodation suitable for manual wheelchair users is available in Spycher House. Users of powered wheelchairs or mobility scooters who can transfer to a manual chair without the use of a hoist can also access this accommodation.



All meals from dinner on arrival day to packed lunch on departure day are included in the package cost.

The kitchen at Our Chalet is operated by the Catering Co-ordinator and a team of volunteer staff. We do our best to accommodate dietary requirements, but if your group has a participant with a severe allergy or complex dietary requirement we recommend you discuss your needs prior to booking.

### **Breakfast**

A cold breakfast of cereals, yoghurt, bread, cheese and fruit is available every morning in a self-service buffet style. Hot and cold drinks are also included.

### **Packed lunch**

Participants make a packed lunch (sandwiches, fruit, snacks, etc.) each morning to take with them on programme. All participants are required to bring a lunch box or bag to carry their lunch.

### **Dinner**

Dinner is served at one sitting and offers one option for everyone. Typical dinners include Swiss dishes such as rösti and camp favourites like chilli or pasta. Dinners always include salad or vegetables and consist of two courses with a main meal and dessert.

Special diet meals, including vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free are available only to participants who have notified us in advance of their need for a special meal. Your pre-arrival paperwork will ask you to specify dietary requirements for each participant in your group.

We look forward to welcoming you to your home in the Swiss Alps!

