

Day Trip to Gruyères

Combine your love of chocolate and cheese with your passion for travel on this day trip to Gruyères from Geneva. Travel by comfortable coach to the picturesque village of Gruyères and take in Switzerland's beautiful landscapes including Lake Geneva and the Alps.

Guided tour of the Castle of Gruyères, a Swiss heritage site. Visit a chocolate factory and a cheese factory, Maison Cailler and La Maison du Gruyère, and learn about the production processes of these Swiss specialties.

Learn all about Swiss culinary traditions from your expert guide and enjoy delicious cheese and chocolate tastings!



Highlights

- Day trip to Gruyères from Geneva to enjoy some delicious cheese and chocolate tasting
- Lunch in a traditional Alpine cheese dairy
- Discover the village of Gruyères and its beautiful surroundings, the Alps and Lake Geneva
- Guided tour of the [Castle of Gruyères](#), once the residence of the counts of Gruyères
- Visit the [Maison Cailler](#) Chocolate Factory and learn about the chocolate-making process
- Tour [La Maison du Gruyère](#) cheese factory and discover the secrets of Swiss cheese production
- Transport by comfortable, air-conditioned nonsmoking coach and a multilingual guide

Tour description

Departing from Geneva in the morning (10am), travel through the beautiful Swiss countryside to the village of Gruyères.

Enjoy lunch at the Moléson Alpine Cheese Dairy, a typical mountain chalet dating from 1686 with a restaurant serving home-made specialties.

After lunch, visit La Maison du Gruyère cheese factory, where you will discover the secrets of traditional cheese making.

Learn about cheese history and discover how the factory produces up to 48 wheels of Gruyère cheese per day.

After, savor samples of freshly made cheese.

Explore with your guide the historical town of Gruyères, city of the counts of Gruyères in bygone days.

Today, it is a kingdom awaiting discovery that invites you to stroll and admire its picturesque architecture.



You will be enchanted by its medieval character preserved up until today.

Enjoy a guided visit of the Castle of Gruyères, one of the most prestigious in Switzerland.

Walk through eight centuries of architecture, history and culture: the capes of Charles the Bold duke of Burgundy, the wall paintings of the Corot's room and the Knights' room, the French style landscape garden with a magnificent view of the mountain.



Visit the Maison Cailler chocolate factory.

Here, your hands will hold roasted cocoa beans and your nose will follow the wafting smell of fresh chocolate whilst you discover the different production stages of the Cailler world-renowned chocolate.



Finally sample the fabulous flavors of the best cocoa, milk from the region, and other delicious ingredients.

After this relaxing culinary tour, your coach will bring you back to Geneva, where your tour will end around 6pm at the Globe in time for the Welcome reception.

Tour schedule

Tour Date: Sunday 31st August 2014
Departure point: Geneva Bus Station (Place Dorcière)
Departure time: 10 am
Duration: 8 hours (approx.)
Return details: Returns to CERN Globe at approximately 6pm

Additional Info

Price: 150 CHF / person

Included:

- Lunch in traditional cheese restaurant surrounded by fragrant pastures
- Transport by air-conditioned coach with an English/French speaking guide
- Entrance to the chocolate factory visit with tasting
- Entrance to cheese factory visit with tasting
- Entrance to the Castle of Gruyères with guided tour

Not included:

- Gratuities (optional) and personal expenses (souvenirs...)
- Pick up and drop off at the hotel

Tour requires a minimum of 10 participants - If the tour has to be cancelled we will refund your expenses.