

MICE Summer Supporting Program

Water in Zurich Tour

With the hot summer temperatures, the “Water in Zurich” tour could hardly be more appropriate. For on this guided walk, everything revolves around this cool, refreshing liquid that is omnipresent in the city. The first port of call is the River Sihl. You would scarcely guess that the name of this leisurely river actually means “wild”. The Schanzengraben, through which it flows, appears like an oasis in the heart of the city. During the tour, the group discovers why, in cold winters, Rennweg is sometimes transformed into an ice rink overnight. Or why a drinking trough for horses was converted into a Roman fountain, or how it came that a statue of Hercules was erected on a fountain pedestal. And as walking and listening is thirsty work, each member of the group is provided with a drinking beaker, which can repeatedly be filled with fresh drinking water from any of the over 1,200 fountains in the city of Zurich. After all, no one should be thirsty on a guided tour about water!

Cocktails at the Hotel Storchen on the Bank of the River Limmat

A beautifully arranged selection of tasty hors d’oeuvres together with a bowl of punch comprising sweet summer fruit await guests in the heart of the Old Town. They can be enjoyed under the arcades of the Hotel Storchen, giving the members of the group the opportunity to enjoy a short break in the shade on the bank of the River Limmat. The tranquil flow of the water and the hustle and bustle on the opposite riverbank offer relaxation and entertainment at the same time.

Limmat Boat Trip to Zürichhorn

The Limmat River Cruise stops at the jetty directly in front of the Hotel Storchen. The boat operates twice an hour from the National Museum to Zürichhorn. All you need to climb on board is a valid ticket for the local public transportation system. The boat glides past the Grossmünster church, which looks even more imposing than ever from the water. Once it reaches the lake, it dips and sways gently through the water, past ducks, yachts, and pedal boats.

Miniature Golf

Hardly has the group disembarked than the relaxation comes to a sudden end. For at Zürichhorn jetty, the firm, “eventerlebnis”, has turned the gravel area into a miniature-golf course. Over the next hour, concentration and manual dexterity are required. The mobile miniature-golf course can be set up virtually everywhere and incorporates the obstacles from the surrounding environment. On this particular afternoon, golfers are required to guide the small, pink golf ball between the feet of a statue, over the uneven gravel terrain, and through high grass. This activity awakens players’ competitive spirit, for at the end of the game a trophy is awaiting the winner.

Eating at the “Lake Side”, Directly on the Lakeshore

All this excitement makes a person hungry. Fortunately the terrace of the Lake Side restaurant is just a stone’s throw away. The quiet lapping of the waves can be heard in the background. You might almost think that you are sitting on a beach at the seaside, rather than on the shore of Lake Zurich. However, after the first forkful of “Zürcher Geschnätzelttes” and crispy “Rösti” potatoes, all doubts quickly vanish as to whether you are still in Switzerland.

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Moped Tour

Well satiated after the salad starter and main course, nobody minds having to wait a bit for dessert. Particularly as the journey to get it has to be covered on iconic mopeds – or “Töffli” as they are known in Swiss-German. The vehicles are waiting for their drivers neatly rowed up in front of the hotel. After a few words of instruction by the “event & more” team, everyone is asked to don their helmets. While proficient “Töffli” drivers are immediately able to maneuver their vehicles with ease, novices take a bit longer to get the hang of things. However, after five minutes at the most, everyone is confidently driving their motor scooters as fast as the 1.5 HP engines allow, and enjoying the feeling of the wind on their faces.

Dessert at the Sorell Hotel Rigiblick

After the final climb, the moped gang reaches the Sorell Hotel Rigiblick. Awaiting them here, high above the rooftops of Zurich in the golden light of the setting sun, is the sweet finale. The desserts are served in taster-size portions. Which is a good thing – for then no one has to choose between the brownies, panna cotta, mango sorbet, and other culinary delights on offer.

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