

SWISS CULTURE FROM HOME



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Dear Friends of Switzerland,

Spring has arrived and, with it, new connections between the United States and Switzerland—this time via air! Swiss International Air Lines is launching a new non-stop route between Zurich and Washington Dulles International Airport, just in time for spring break. However, if you prefer to stay in D.C. to discover Switzerland, you have many options: from celebrating the French language at the Grand Fête de la Francophonie or through our new Instagram reel on Swiss French, to joining in an Easter egg hunt on the Swiss Embassy grounds.

Please continue to check our website, social media channels, and events calendar, where we are providing regular updates, for more cultural content. Have you found something we're missing? What would you like to see more of? Let us know – [we would love to hear from you.](#)

We hope you continue to enjoy, and take care!

Travel



Source: *Pixabay, Swiss International Airlines*

New Direct Flights between Zurich & Washington

Starting March 28, 2024

Have you always wanted to visit Switzerland? You'll soon have even more opportunities to do so, as Swiss International Air Lines is launching a new nonstop route between Zurich (ZRH) and Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) on March 28, 2024. Flights will operate daily in the summer and 5 times a week in the winter. To learn more about the new connection, follow Swiss hotelier Stephane Vogel as he gives [a Swiss perspective](#) on his adopted home of D.C.

Language & Culture

francophonie
CULTURAL FESTIVAL 2024
WASHINGTON, DC

Source: *Francophonie DC*

D.C. Francophonie Cultural Festival 2024

Grande Fête de la Francophonie
Friday, March 22, 2024, 7–11pm
La Maison Française at the Embassy of France
4101 Reservoir Rd NW
Washington D.C. 20007

Bonjour, parlez-vous français? Yes, we do!

The French language is central to Switzerland as one of the country's four official languages, particularly in the western regions that comprise the *Romandie*. As part of the vibrant Francophone community here in Washington, the Embassy of Switzerland is a proud partner of the 2024 D.C. Francophonie Cultural Festival, celebrating French language and culture along with 40 other embassies and partners. The festival will culminate in the Grand Fête de la Francophonie on March 22 at La Maison Française. Join us and the other participating embassies and partners in celebrating this beautiful language and culture.

Another way to celebrate the French language this month is to explore unique Swiss-French expressions with Ambassador Jacques Pitteloud. Among the six French-speaking cantons in Switzerland—Bern, Fribourg, Geneva, Jura, Neuchâtel, Valais, and Vaud—there are differences in accents and even vocabulary. Can you hear them as the Ambassador speaks? Check out our [newest reel](#) to learn more. And don't forget to let us know what you think!

Your Swiss *Rendez-Vous* in DC



Source: [Jako-o](#).

Easter Egg Hunt with the Swiss Club

Sunday, March 24, 2024 from 2:30 to 3:30pm
Embassy of Switzerland
2900 Cathedral Ave NW
Washington D.C. 20008

Join us at this special *Rendez-Vous* to celebrate Easter the Swiss way: with an easter egg hunt on the Embassy grounds organized by the Swiss Club of Washington, D.C.

The ancient origins of the Easter egg hunt lie in the fasting period leading up to Easter. Since chickens continued to lay eggs, people cooked them so they would keep longer. To differentiate the cooked eggs from the fresh ones, they added herbs and leaves to the water to color the eggs as they were cooking. At the end of the fasting period, these preserved eggs were eaten at Easter. There are many different theories as to why the eggs are hidden as part of the hunt; regardless, this tradition is fun for the whole family.

Stay connected for more glimpses of the Swiss *Rendez-Vous* in D.C. – and share your discoveries with us!



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