

SWISS CULTURE FROM HOME



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Dear Friends of Switzerland,

We hope you are enjoying the summer as much as we are and keeping busy by following the 2024 Olympics. Competitors from around the world are contending for medals in Paris, and among them are Swiss athletes. Keep reading to learn about their Olympic performance so far. If you don't know what to watch after the Olympics ends, then check out the latest edition of the Swiss Film Club, featuring a great comedy. Finally, we have another Swiss road trip *Rendez-Vous* to make this summer even more memorable.

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!

Sports



Source: [NZZ](#)

Switzerland at the 2024 Paris Olympics

July 26 - August 11, 2024

If you're wondering where to get your Swiss Olympic news and fun facts, then look no further! Did you know that Swiss watch brand OMEGA has served as the official timekeeper for the Olympic and Paralympic Games since 1932? Since extreme precision in timing is essential to Olympic competition, it only makes sense that Swiss excellence would step up to the challenge. But OMEGA is not the only Swiss representative at the Games. With just three days of competition remaining, Switzerland has won seven medals of all colors. Since 21-year-old Audrey Gogniat earned the country its first medal at these Games (a bronze in 10m rifle shooting), Swiss athletes have won medals in triathlon, swimming, rowing, BMX racing, and more. In addition, Switzerland has earned 30 Olympic Diplomas, awarded to athletes who finish in the top 8 of their events. To learn more about Switzerland's athletes and the Olympics, check out our [Swiss Impact website](#) for an updated medal count and the Swiss Olympic Team [Instagram](#) for fun interviews and updates.

Film

BEAT SCHLATTER

VINCENT KUCHOLL

CATHERINE PAGANI



BON SCHUUR TICINO

EINE RASANTE KOMÖDIE VON PETER LUISI

Source: [Apple Music: Bon Schuur Ticino Soundtrack](#)

Swiss Film Club: *Bonjour Switzerland*

Available to stream online August 13-20, 2024

The August edition of the Swiss Film Club is here! This month, we're screening the delightful *Bonjour Switzerland*, directed by Peter Luisi and starring comedian Beat Schlatter. This comedy centers around a controversial referendum that plunges Switzerland into turmoil, mandating the country to adopt a single national language: French. This decision throws many German-speaking Swiss into crisis, including Walter Egli, the Federal Police officer tasked with overseeing the transition to monolingualism. Though he himself hardly speaks any French, he is sent to the Italian-speaking region of Ticino with a

French-speaking partner to uncover a resistance group fighting against the new law by all means necessary. You can stream the film online anytime between August 13 and 20. Check out the trailer [here](#) and register to view the film [here](#).

Your Swiss *Rendez-Vous* Road Trip





Source: Embassy of Switzerland

Helvetia, WV 26224

Are you looking to fit in one last trip before the summer comes to an end? Don't worry, we've got you covered. Throughout the summer, we're offering a twist on our traditional Swiss *Rendez-Vous* by featuring Swiss destinations that are easy road trips from Washington, DC. Next up is Helvetia, West Virginia! Due to its secluded location in the Appalachian Mountains, this village, founded by Swiss and German immigrants in 1869, has kept Swiss traditional dance, music, food, and holidays, alive to this day. The town's most anticipated annual events include: Fasnacht, the Follow Your Bliss Music Festival, Switzerland's National Day, monthly square dances, and the upcoming Helvetia Community Fair on September 10. If you're a Swiss food lover, you can enjoy delicious Swiss food with an Appalachian twist at the local restaurant, The Hütte. Or you can book a tour with Dave, a local guide, to learn about the cantonal flags displayed outside every building. There is a lot to do in this small town, which is about a 4.5-hour drive from DC. Learn more about what to do and plan your visit to Helvetia [here](#). Some Embassy representatives visited Helvetia earlier this summer, so stay tuned to our social media channels and Swiss Impact website for more information on this beautiful little Swiss *Rendez-Vous* in the heart of West Virginia.

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

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