

AICEME 2016 Switzerland Tour Itinerary

Our Conference speakers this year will be Dr Rod & Bev Wilson. They come to us with significant Pastoral experience. Rod has just completed his 15th and final year as President and Professor of Counselling and Psychology at Regent College in Vancouver, CANADA. Rod has had an extensive international preaching and teaching ministry for churches, Christian organizations, as well as pastors and Christian leaders. They look forward to connecting with the AICEME this year.

Day One: Monday, April 25

Arrive in Geneva.

Go straight to the John Knox Centre from the airport or train station <http://www.johnknox.ch/en/> It is easily accessible by public transit. Drop off your bags, and then explore the city on your own.

Gather at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Old City for our initial supper together.



Session 1: Introduction of our Conference Speakers

Dr Rod & Bev Wilson

Day Two: Tuesday, April 26 Reformation Tour of Geneva

Starting after our breakfast at the John Knox Centre, we will travel back to the "Old City of Geneva" to explore the rich cultural heritage of this city. Bring your walking shoes. Some of our highlights of this guided tour of the city will be St Peter's Cathedral, International Reform Museum, Auditoire de Calvin, and the Monument to the Reformation.

Our lunch will be provided by our friends at the Church of Scotland Geneva. <http://www.churchofscotlandgeneva.com/index.html> They meet in an historic building in the centre of old Geneva.

In the afternoon, we will enjoy the International Museum of the Reformation, and the archaeological site of the Cathedral and its towers. <http://www.musee-reforme.ch/en/the-museum/>

Later on in the afternoon you will have the opportunity to visit some of the other sites of downtown Geneva. Do not miss out on the Swatch Museum at <http://www.citedutemps.com/index.php/en>

Supper will be at the John Knox Centre

Session 2: An Hour together in the evening.

Day Three: Wednesday, April 27 United Nations, World Council of Churches, Red Cross



The details are still being worked out at this time, but it will include a visit to World Council of Churches at their Headquarters in Geneva.

Later on in the morning, we will tour the United Nations Complex. On the last Wednesday of each month the "United Nations Christian Association" meets for prayer. They have invited us to join with them in a time of prayer. It is wonderful to encounter this diverse group of Christian people who are impacting the world.

We will be able to purchase our lunches in the UN cafeteria.

In the afternoon there will be time to visit The International Red Cross Museum <http://www.redcrossmuseum.ch/en/>

Supper will be The Buvette des Bains

<http://www.bains-des-paquis.ch/Buvette/Summer.html>

Day Four: Thursday, April 28 – Cheese & Chocolate –

This morning we will be Boarding our bus and traveling to Gruyere where we will have lunch at a local restaurant. This is a beautiful area of Switzerland. <http://www.la-gruyere.ch/en/index.cfm>

We will explore this walled city.

Do not eat too much at lunch for we will be heading to "Maison Cailler". You will hear about the wonders of Swiss Chocolate, and get to enjoy as much chocolate as you can eat at the end of the tour.

<http://cailler.ch/en/maison-cailler/visit-us/tarifs/>



After our time at the chocolate factory we will be driven through the Jaun Pass region.

We will arrive in the evening at <http://www.credo.ch/?lang=en> where we will be staying till Sunday afternoon. This Christian retreat centre is located in one of the most beautiful areas of Switzerland.

Session 3: An hour in the evening.

Day Five: Friday, April 29– Mountains and James Bond–

Session 4: An hour in the morning.

This mornig will be the time for some exercise.

We will be walking to the local train station, taking a train, then a cable car to another location, then a cog train to the picturesque town of Murren. This is a WOW town with incredible views in every direction.

<http://www.muerrren.ch/en/>



After a comfortable stroll through the town we will be heading up to the "PIZ GLORIA" at the height of some 2970 m or 9744 ft. On a clear day, we are in for a treat. <http://schilthorn.ch/en/Welcome>

We will bag a lunch for this day, and enjoy the afternoon walking and hiking in this area.

Day Six: Saturday, April 30 – Interlaken-

Session 5: An hour in the morning after Breakfast

This will be a less structured day with lots of time for those who would like to head out for a hike, or time for others to find a great location to enjoy a coffee and a good book.

The rest of the day is reserved for independent activities and free time. Those who choose to walk, shop, or go exploring on their own will have much to tell as we gather for dinner in our hotel this evening!

Day Seven: Sunday, May 1

Session 6: Sunday morning

We will gather as a group for a time of mutual sharing, prayer and communion.

After lunch we will be boarding our bus for our trip back to the Geneva area. We will be stopping for about an hour in the town of Murten. Make sure that you bring your cameras.

<http://www.murtentourismus.ch/en/index.cfm>

We will be dropping off our bags at the Ecumenical Institute of at Chateau de Bossey, <https://www.bossey.ch/en>

We will then head to Nyon for the 5 PM church service at Westlake Church Nyon. <http://www.westlakechurch.com/Nyon/>

On Sunday Evening we will enjoy our final Banquet together. Location is still TBD.

Day Eight: Monday, May 2 -“So long Farewell...” –

Departure.

Ross Macdonald and Andy Willis have lots of ideas for those who would like to stay in the area. Taize is not too far away, many other wonderful areas close by.