

## Lucerne – Lake Lucerne Region

### News 2021

#### 150 years Mount Rigi Railways

Europe's first ever cogwheel railway will be 150 years old in 2021. This historic milestone in Swiss railway and tourism history is being commemorated and celebrated with an attractive programme of events throughout the year. The big anniversary weekend – with, as highlight, a vintage vehicle parade – is on 21-24 May 2021.

[www.rigi.ch](http://www.rigi.ch)



#### 175 years Hotel Schweizerhof

The Festival Hotel Schweizerhof Luzern has been celebrating a special anniversary since 21 August 2020. This venerable establishment is marking its 175th anniversary not, as is usual in many places, during the calendar year, but from birthday to birthday. For 365 days, with all eyes on the number 175 as a constant reminder of the anniversary, the hotel is organising events and promotions and handing out prizes.

[www.schweizerhof-luzern.ch](http://www.schweizerhof-luzern.ch)



#### 200 years Lion Monument

To mark the 200th anniversary on 10 August 2021, exhibitions, performances, events and publications have been dedicated to the history of the Lion Monument since 2017. The “dying lion” in the centre of Lucerne commemorates the Swiss Guards massacred on 10 August 1792 when revolutionaries stormed the Tuileries Palace in Paris during the French Revolution.

[www.loewendenkmal21.ch](http://www.loewendenkmal21.ch)





### Renovation Glacier Garden

The Glacier Garden Lucerne is currently undergoing extensive renovation and expansion. A major highlight is planned for the summer of 2021: the opening of the rock visitor experience and the Sommerau expansion. The Schweizerhaus historical residence complete with a new bistro and museum shop opened in September 2020.

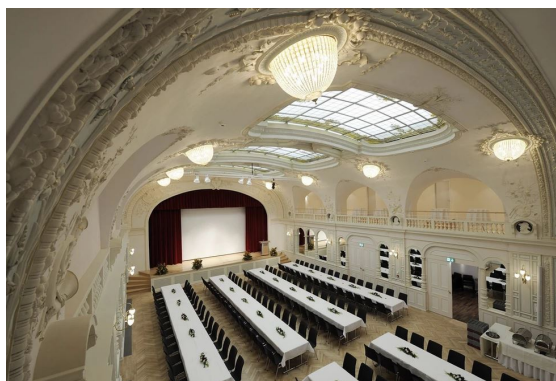
[www.gletschergarten.ch](http://www.gletschergarten.ch)



### Reopening Kursaal Engelberg

Built in 1902, the Kursaal – one of the most magnificent Belle Époque venues in Switzerland – has been standing resplendent in its new look since October 2020 after four years of renovation work. Able to accommodate approx. 420 persons seated or 800 standing, the impressive Kursaal is ideal for concerts, wedding receptions, banquets and large gatherings.

[www.kursaalengelberg.ch](http://www.kursaalengelberg.ch)



### Opening Hotel Palace Engelberg

The first 5-star hotel in Engelberg is scheduled to open in early summer 2021: The Hotel Palace Engelberg will offer 129 stylish guest rooms and suites, a first-class restaurant and a bar. The new building is being skilfully integrated into the existing fabric dating from 1904, resulting in a thought-through combination of old-time nostalgia and modern zeitgeist.

[www.engelberg.ch](http://www.engelberg.ch)



### Opening Mandarin Oriental Palace Lucerne

The former Hotel Palace Lucerne has been undergoing extensive renovation since November 2017. The plans include redesigning all 146 guest rooms and suites, the public areas, restaurants and bars, and the grounds. Its reopening as part of the Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group is scheduled for the end of 2021.

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### Renovation paddle steamer «Stadt Luzern»

The Lake Lucerne Navigation Company's largest and youngest paddle steamer has been undergoing a total refit since October 2018. The Stadt Luzern is not only being rejuvenated but is also being brought back to technical perfection. She will be relaunched at the end of May 2021 in readiness for passenger-carrying duties on Lake Lucerne.

[www.lakelucerne.ch](http://www.lakelucerne.ch)



### «The Great Theatre of the World» Einsiedeln

“What role do you play?” That’s the question the playwright Pedro Calderón de la Barca poses in The Great Theatre of the World. The new version by Lukas Bärfuss with staging by Livio Andreina asks this question afresh. The Einsiedler Welttheater, a major periodic open-air event involving large casts, is taking place on Einsiedeln’s newly renovated Klosterplatz for the 17th time. More than 500 men, women and children from the monastery village – all volunteers – are involved in this large-scale production, which will be performed from 16 June to 4 September 2021.

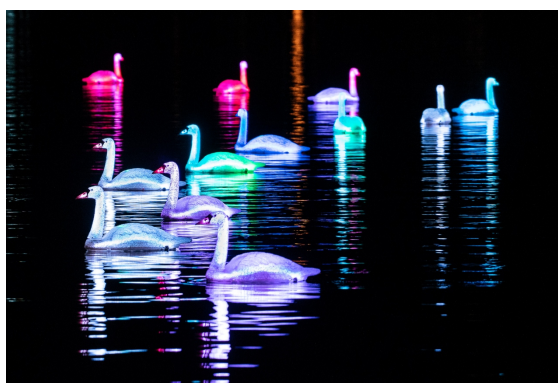
[www.einsiedlerwelttheater.ch](http://www.einsiedlerwelttheater.ch)



### 3. Lilu Light Festival Lucerne

Between 7 and 17 January 2021 Lucerne will again become a gathering place immersed in light! The third edition of the Lilu Light Festival Lucerne finds artists from all over the world showcasing light in all its manifold and fascinating facets. For eleven days, the squares, tourist attractions and alleys of the city of Lucerne will be artfully illuminated between 6 and 10 p.m. The creative light installations and an attractive side programme are sure to be a hit with both locals and visitors.

[www.lichtfestivalluzern.ch](http://www.lichtfestivalluzern.ch)



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