

Summer is still out there.

Dear media friends,

Summer is doing some extra time and there are various ways to enjoy sunshine, good food and wine, and outdoor activities in Switzerland.

Why not tour the country on public transport for example and enjoy all the delicacies on offer at this time of year? Like many locally produced goods, Grappa rarely finds its way abroad, so why not get to know the world of Swiss Grappa in Ticino? Wine lovers will also have plenty to discover at the annual grape festival in the Lake Geneva Region.

The unique Ballenberg outdoor museum even compiles all the varieties of food and drink in one stunning natural setting, and invites visitors to find out more about Swiss festivals and traditions. But it's not only about traditions in Switzerland, but also about innovative food products like meat substitute 'Planted' and sustainable cities like Lausanne.

Breathtaking views over Lake Lucerne anyone, combined with a little spa break? Look no further than the Mandarin Oriental Luzern, which will open its doors in September.

Winter news will be coming your way soon, but first, let's keep enjoying summer while it lasts!

Best regards,

Myriam, Fran & Chloé
Your UK & Ireland media team



Grappa tasting in Ticino.

Ever tasted Grappa? Visitors can taste Grappa in Corteglia, Ticino, starting from mid-October. They will have the chance to sample different types of Grappa made on the farm and enjoy some pairings created especially to bring out the flavours. It is also possible to take a tour of the cellar and learn all about the distillation and fortifying processes.

[Grab some Grappa.](#)



Annual Grape Festival.

Fancy a glass of Swiss wine? This year, on 3 September, wine lovers are invited to a number of wine tastings in the charming village of Féchy in the Lake Geneva Region, where the this year's annual Grape Festival will take place. Visitors will learn everything there is to know about the regional wines, while children will have the chance to make their own delicious grape juice.

[Savour some wine.](#)



Ballenberg outdoor museum.

Fancy experiencing several festivals and traditions from all over Switzerland all in one go? Well, over the weekends of 24-25 September and 1-2 October you can, at Switzerland's unique Ballenberg outdoor museum. Here, visitors can learn all about our country's linguistic and cultural heritage, and taste local delicacies in breath-taking surroundings.

[More details.](#)



Mandarin Oriental Palace, Luzern.

This Belle Époque landmark will reopen its doors as the Mandarin Oriental Palace, Luzern on 24 September. The hotel boasts 136 exquisitely designed rooms and suites, a wide range of culinary options, a holistic spa sanctuary and stylishly appointed function rooms. Guests can enjoy stunning views over Lake Lucerne and the Swiss Alps.

[Stay at the Palace.](#)



Green and sustainable.

Fancy a short break to a city with a green and sustainable footprint? Look no further than Lausanne, the Swiss Olympic Capital at the shores of Lake Geneva. From public gardens and an array of restaurants serving organic produce to its 're-use don't throw away' mentality, it has it all. Endangered creatures are protected too here, and the honey, produced by the city's bee population, usually sells out in a flash!

[Explore Lausanne.](#)



Swisstainable Veggie Day.

On 1 October, Switzerland will be celebrating International Veggie Day. Not only will vegetables be in the spotlight that day but also innovative products such as Planted, an all-natural delicious meat substitute from Switzerland. It's the country's number one brand and was newly launched in the UK in retailers like Planet Organic and restaurants like Mildred's.

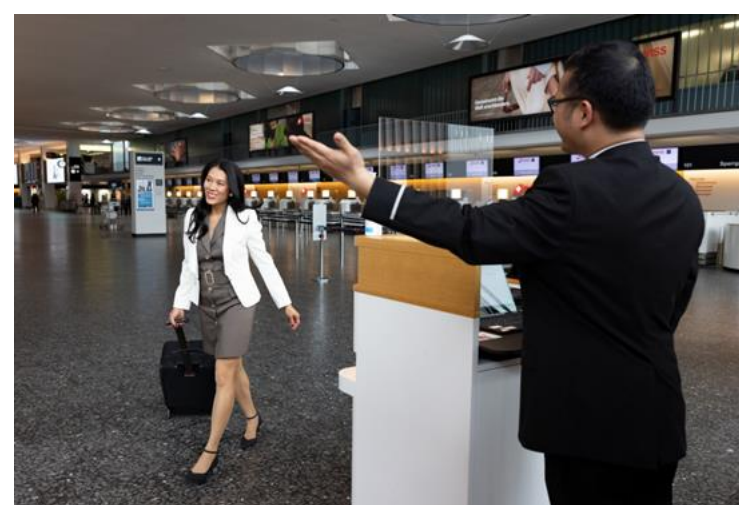
[Eat Planted.](#)



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Travel situation

There are no longer any Covid-19 restrictions for travellers arriving in Switzerland from the UK and Ireland. This means when travelling between Switzerland and the UK and Ireland, neither Covid-19 testing nor filling out a Passenger Locator Form are required.

[Find out more.](#)



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