



Rocks – Water – Colour

The Swiss Alps

Rocks and water are shaping the Alps, giving them a unique unmistakable colouring glamour. Why don't define the potential of a landscape by its colours and ask:

- What is the colour of rock?
- What is the colour of water?

But also:

- What is the colour of the degradation of a landscape?
- What is the colour of environmental protection?

With this 4-days journey of discovery we want to try to investigate this unique Alpine landscape scientifically and perceive it aesthetically: as a composition of rock, water and colour.

We are walking and use the excellent net of Swiss busses. The excursion ends in the famous spa build by Peter Zumthor in Vals.



Programme



1st day: Brown – Green – Grey

- The Elm landslide: an alpine catastrophe
- Old over young: The origin of the Glarn Alps

2nd day: Blue – Black – Red

- The Glarn country: the Linthwerk as a century's task of alpine flood protection and ecologic landscape planning
- Alpine industrial culture: tables, cloths, graces

3rd day: Yellow – Green – Grey

- Passes and tunnels:
From Klausenpass to Gotthard-Basistunnel AlpTransit
- Pasture, meadows, winter skiing: The valley of Maderan

4th day: White – Green – Blue

- Prehistoric catastrophes:
The Flims landslide and the Ruinaulta gorge
- The first alpine town at the river Rhine: from Itulanda to Ilanz
- Rocks-water-colours: the spa in Vals build by Peter Zumthor

Excursion guidance by
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The excursion fees include

- all travel costs and tickets concerning the excursion
- excursion guidance by scientists of the Swiss egs-network environmental sciences
- excursion guidance by participating organisations
- documentation

The excursion was prepared in cooperation with Peter Heitzmann (Bundesamt für Wasser und Geologie BWG Bern) and Fachverein Arbeit und Umwelt FAU. A share of the excursion fees will be spend to projects helping jobless environmental scientists.

Arrival, lodging and departure are not included in the excursion fees. Accomodation is planned in Elm, Linthal, Amsteg and Vals.



Participants per group

6 to 8 persons
and upon arrangement

Date 2009

upon arrangement

Excursion fees

320 Euro

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