ExSat9: Frutigen - Tropical gardens, first Alpine sturgeon and caviar production

Saturday 26 August 2017, 09.00 – 14.00 h.
Guide: Interlaken Congress & Events

The story of how sturgeon and tropical gardens came to the Alps begins with Switzerland’s traffic and transportation policy (Framework Convention for the Protection of the Alps). This policy mandated the movement of lorry traffic across the Alps on railroads. In 2007, one of the key railway tunnels for transporting lorries through the Alps, the Lötschberg Base tunnel, was inaugurated. The warm water issuing from this deep mountain tunnel is used to heat the glasshouses and fishponds of the Tropenhaus [https://www.tropenhaus-frutigen.ch/en/], which is located in the middle of the Bernese Oberland mountains. Experience at close hand how we use warm water from Lötschberg mountain to grow tropical fruit and produce genuine sturgeon’s caviar, one of the most exclusive delicacies in the world! In the Tropenhaus restaurant, you can enjoy a cuisine that is enriched with the intense flavors of our fishponds and tropical gardens.

Itinerary
Depart from the Congress Centre (09.00 h) and travel by coach along the shore of Lake Thun to Spiez and Frutigen. A guided tour through the tropical garden and sturgeon hatchery (1.5 hrs) is followed by a delicious lunch in the Tropenhaus Restaurant. This is a unique opportunity to experience the flavor of the world’s first Alpine sturgeon. Return to Interlaken by coach (arrival ca 14.00 – 14.30 h).

Equipment, food and drinks
Bring sunglasses and sun protection, depending on the weather also rain protection. Lunch with a genuine Alpine sturgeon menu will be served in the Tropenhaus Restaurant (beverages are NOT included).

Maximum number of participants
50; minimum 20

Costs
The registration fee covers transfer Interlaken – Frutigen, entry and guided tour, sturgeon menu (beverages NOT included).
Price: 145 CHF

Disclaimer
Health insurance and insurance against accidents is fully within the responsibility of the participants.
The program may be subject to small changes.