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CDSG/FSG Joint Tour to the Defenses of Switzerland (August 11th to August 19th 2018)

Swiss Fortification Tour – Accepting Deposits for Unique Tour – Limited Tour Size

As we reported in past CDSG Newsletters and FSG Casemates, CDSG/FSG members have been invited by Pascal Bruchez and Maurice Lovisa of the ASMEM (Association St-Maurice d'Etudes Militaires), the primary fortification study group in Switzerland (similar to the CDSG and FSG) to visit the impressive fortifications of Switzerland. The focus of the tour will be the Swiss National Redoubt encompassed a widely distributed set of fortifications on a general east-west line through the Alps, centering on three major fortress complexes, Fortresses St. Maurice, St. Gotthard and Sargans. These fortresses primarily defended the alpine crossings between Germany and Italy. We will also visit defense sites of the Border Line, advance line of defenses near the borders and Army Position, somewhat farther back. These two defense lines were designed to protect the Swiss heartlands (the industrialized and populated heart of Switzerland) during both World Wars and the Cold War. Many of the sites we will be visiting can only be accessed through this group tour (and are rarely visited by non-Swiss) so please consider this a once in a lifetime tour to see the best of modern Swiss fortifications.

As we need at least 24 members to attend this tour to justify organizing such a tour, so by having a joint tour between the Fortress Study Group (FSG) and Coast Defense Study Group (CDSG) we will meet this requirement. We now have about 15 possible FSG/CDSG tour members that have expressed interest for this tour. Therefore we are moving forward with the detailed planning on arranging access to the sites to be visited (see proposed schedule/map below), ground transportation, and hotels/meals. We are working with Martin Egger (our Swiss based CDSG member) and Maurice Lovisa to finalize these plans. Tour dates are August 11th to August 19th 2018 subject to accessing the sites and best tour costs. The current estimate for in-country cost is US\$2,000 (hotels, ground transportation, museum fees, and meals). You will need to arrange your own round trip transportation to Zurich Airport (need to be there by Noon and the tour will return to Zurich at 11am), currently about \$1,000 from Washington, DC. A deposit of US\$250.00 is required to reserve your space on this unique tour. Once you provide your deposit you will receive updates on this 10-day special tour via email. Please send the form below and a \$250.00 deposit per person made out to the "Coast Defense Study Group" and reference "2018 Swiss Tour". Send to Terry McGovern at 1700 Oak Lane McLean, VA 22101 USA. Contact me about electronic payment. FSG members can pay in GB Pounds (GBP200.00) via the FSG website (www.fsgfort.com). If the tour is cancelled you will receive your deposit back, if you cancel your deposit will not be refund, but used to cover tour costs.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Please note those attending these tours will be required to sign a Risk Acknowledgment and Hold Harmless Agreement. You cannot attend these tours without signing this form before or when you arrive for the tours.

Contact for questions at:

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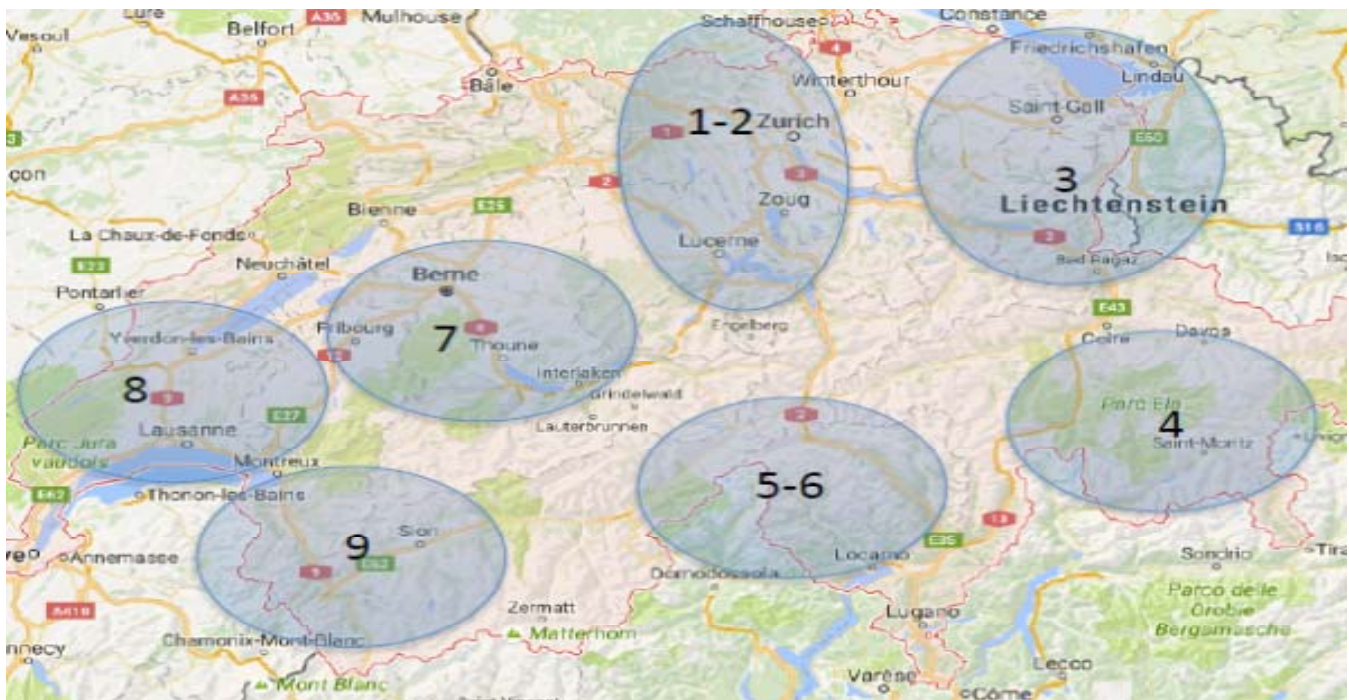
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sector	START at Zuerich Airport			SAT 12:00	
1 & 2	02 Verein Militär- & Festungsmuseum Reuenthal	Board Artillery Fort with 2 x 75mm, Artillery and tank museum		SAT PM	1/2 day
1 & 2	Grenzbunker am Rhein			SAT PM	driveby only
1 & 2	07 Militärhistorische Stiftung des Kantons Zug	Bunkers + Bloodhound launch base		SUN	2-3 hours
1 & 2	06 Stiftung Schwyzer Festungswerke	Rock HQ Muotatal		SUN	1 hours
1 & 2	09 Nidwalder Museum, Festung Fürigen	Artillery Fort with 2 x 75mm		SUN	1 hour
1 & 2	Flugplatz Buochs	Caverns for jets in the rock		SUN	outside only 1 hour
3	04 Artillerie-Fort-Verein Magletsch	Artillery fort with 3 x 105mm gun turret + 4 x 75mm and 2 x 81mm r		MON	1/2 day
3	Centurion bunker			MON	1 hour
3	Festung Furggels	Artillery fort with 4 x 105 turret and 4 x 150mm gun		MON	1/2 day
3	38 STEPSA AG Tschingel	Artillery fort with 4 x 105mm gun		TUE	3 hours
4	05 Festungsmuseum Crestawald	Artillery fort with 2 x 105 gun		TUE	2 hours
4	42 Verein Sperre Trin	Rock bunker		TUE	2 hours
4	54 Verein Fortezia Stalusa	bunker with 2 x 81mm mortar		TUE	1 hours
5 & 6	Gütsch	WW II fort and BISON		WEB / THU	
5 & 6	San Carlo	Artillery fort with 2 x 105mm gun turret		WED / THU	1 hours
5 & 6	24 Fondazione Sasso San Gottardo	Artillery fort with 4 x 150mm gun		WED / THU	1/2 day
5 & 6	Motto Bartola	Old Fort		WED / THU	outside only
5 & 6	120 mm twin mortar	autorisation should be delivered		WED / THU	1 hours
5 & 6	155 gun BISON	autorisation should be delivered		WED / THU	1 hours
5 & 6	11 Associazione Amici del Forte Airolò	Fort 1894 witch 2 x 120mm gun 5 x 84mm 4 x 53mm		WED / THU	2 hours
8	39 Freunde der Festung Naters	Artillery fort with 2 x 105mm gun & 4 x 75mm		FRI / SAT	
9	15 Fort de Champex	Artillery fort with 2 x 105 gun		FRI / SAT	2 hours
9	17 Fondation Forteresse historique de St-Maurice	a lot to visit ! 150mm 1958 gunt turret, 105 mm antitank gun, 75mm		FRI / SAT	1 day
1 & 2	swiss air force museum Dübendorf			SUN AM	2 hours
	FINISH at Zuerich Airport			SUN 11 AM	



A 10.5cm gun at a former Swiss Army fort in the town of Faulensee



Swiss anti-tank bunker based on a Centurion tank turret