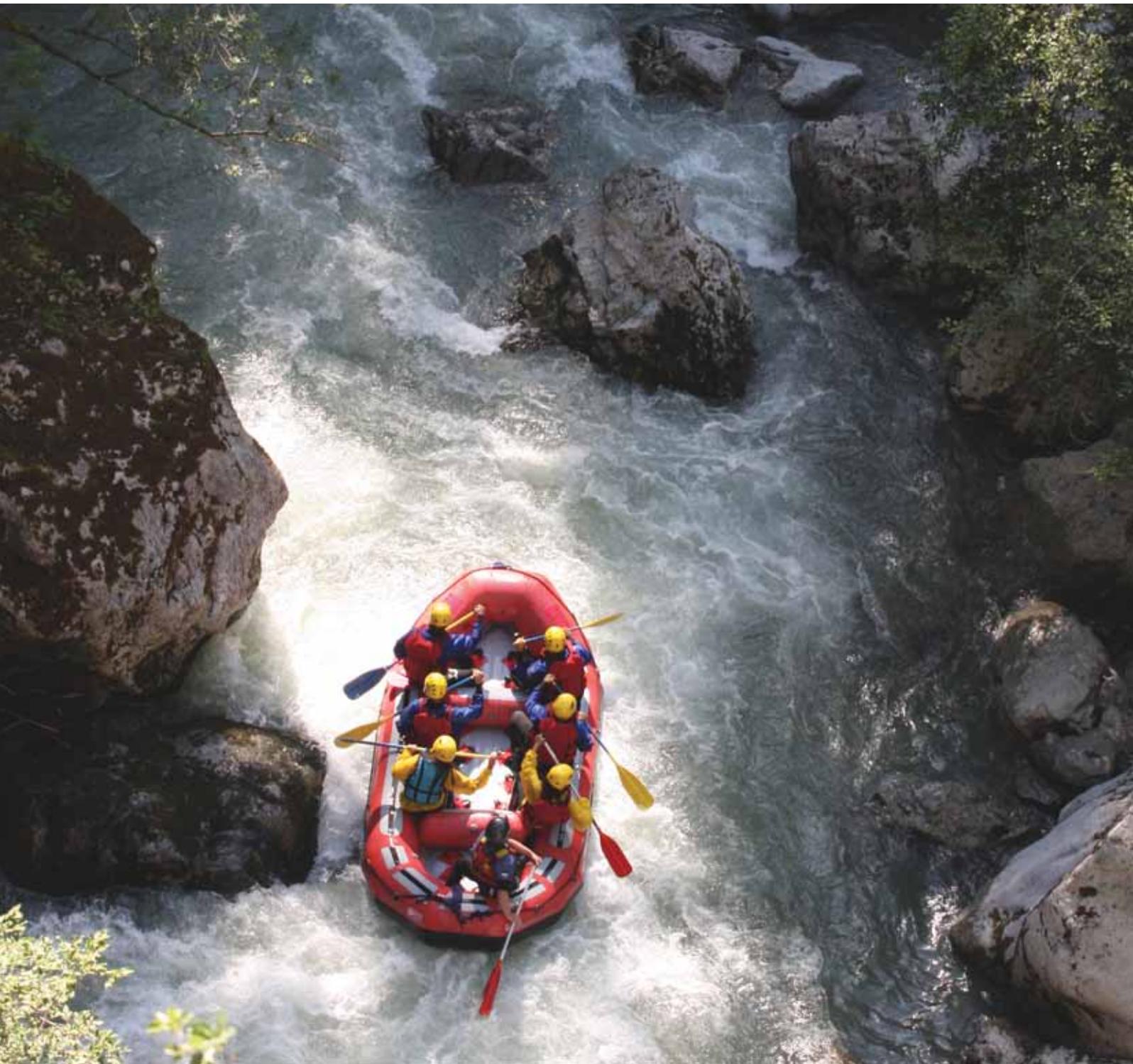


**AIGLON**  
Switzerland

# Summer School



## Welcome

Each year, a select group of young people come together to join the Aiglon Summer School for an experience that is challenging, rewarding – and fun.

The Aiglon College Summer School is a unique opportunity for young people from all over the world to experience the Aiglon ethos. Founded on a commitment to the balanced development of the mind, body and spirit, Aiglon College draws on its heritage to deliver a Summer School that combines an exceptional classroom experience with challenging physical and cultural activities within a secure and friendly international community.

A private Summer School for boys and girls of all nationalities, the Summer School takes place against the backdrop of the Swiss Alps, and offers a unique blend of language tuition and an exciting activities programme.

This brochure provides you with the essential information you'll need to apply for a Summer School place. As you will see, our young people are expected to work hard – and play hard. We hope they leave Aiglon with a greater knowledge of themselves – and a better understanding of others.

*“We would like to thank you for the wonderful experience that our daughter Martina had in July. We're glad to see that Aiglon College is a top level offer for a teenager's education.”*

Parents of Martina



# Languages

Language tuition in English and French is an integral part of the Aiglon Summer School experience. Students receive tuition in their chosen language.

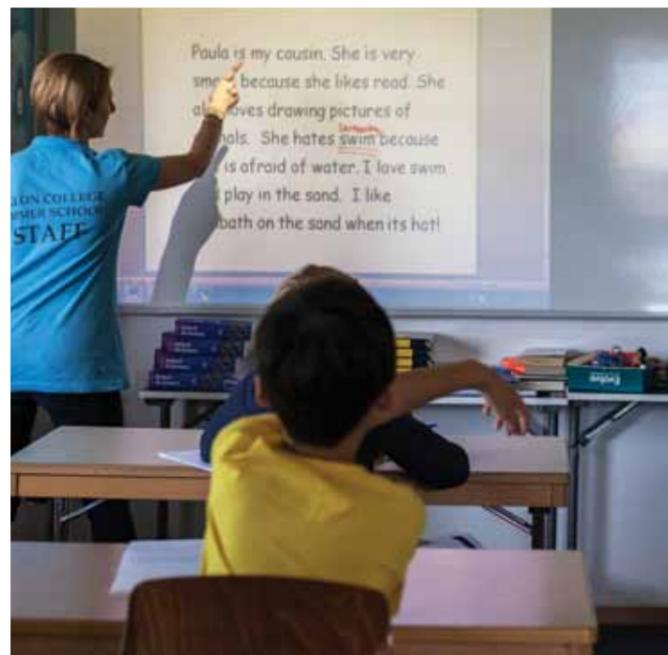
For students that have selected a language course, whether beginners or experienced language learners, Summer School students enjoy a tailored learning experience, delivered by our expert language teachers. Small classes ensure that students make strong progress and gain the confidence crucial for successful language learning. Imaginative use of technology, drama, language laboratories and of Aiglon's location make learning fun and engaging.

Our carefully-structured programme enables students to practice all the core language skills, and students participate in conversational and written English and French, whatever their level. Many students report that the confidence they build during their time with us is invaluable. All students are assessed and a written report on their progress is issued at the end of the course.

Please note that the Summer School's language is English; the first language of our local area is French – and we put this bilingualism to full use for our language learners.

*“Not only were they both thrilled and excited to be participating in every varied activity offered to them, but also thoroughly enjoyed attending their language classes. They have nothing but praise for their teachers.”*

Father of Denna and Mohsen



# Activities

The Swiss mountains, Lake Geneva and Aiglon's own extensive campus enable us to offer a wide and varied activity programme from art and drama to rock-climbing and mountain adventure.

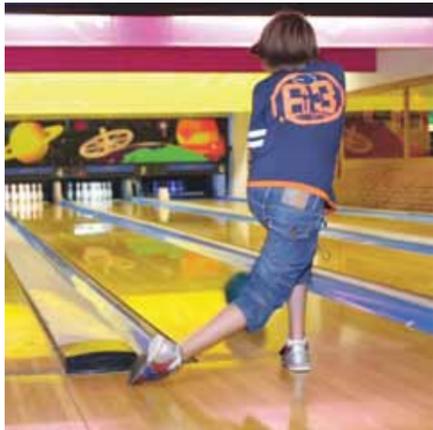
The activities are planned to ensure that students mingle with others of the same age.

## Activities include:

- Alpine adventure such as hiking, rock climbing and orienteering
- Water based activities such as white water rafting, stand up paddle board, banana boating, sailing, windsurfing and swimming
- Campus and local area activities include team games, cookery, yoga, ice-skating and bowling
- Creative activities such as drama, photography and art

## Activities for older students

The Summer School offers activities that enable older students to build their independence in a safe environment. Students are able to follow the core summer school programme of languages and activities with additional extended activities. These may include a full-day hike and a night spent in a mountain hut, visiting local thermal baths, an evening at Montreux Jazz Festival and cookery classes focusing on dinner party cookery.



# Sports

Our new state-of-the-art sports centre provides the Summer School with the perfect base for intensive sports coaching and team-games designed to be fun for students of all abilities.

During the Aiglon Summer School students will develop their ability across a mixture of sports, honing their technique and developing their leadership, team and sportsmanship skills.

**Aiglon College Summer School includes the following sports in its programme:**

- Indoor climbing on the 30m climbing wall – fully supervised sessions for beginners to experienced climbers
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Football
- Indoor hockey
- Soft tennis
- Table tennis
- Gymnastics
- Badminton

*Evenings at the Summer School are never dull. Students take part in sports tournaments, ten-pin bowling, musical extravaganzas, BBQs and much more.*



# Expedition

Adventure is at the heart of our programme. Every Summer School student takes part in a two-day expedition on the mountain, experiencing the challenge of the Alps for themselves.

Many schools want to help their students get to the top – but only at Aiglon do students stand on the summit of their own mountain. A highpoint of the programme, expedition gives students the chance to develop resilience, teamwork and an appreciation of nature.

Students will experience the thrill of summiting a small peak while mastering the essential skills of orienteering and campcraft. They may have the opportunity to swim in natural lakes, experience team-building activities and to relax around the campfire.

For many, this camping expedition is both a challenge and the most memorable experience of the Summer School and the magnificent Swiss Alps.

*"I would just like to say how much Oliver and Edward enjoyed the Summer School again this year. They have had a superb time and are full of enthusiasm about the experience. Once again it was professional, well-organised and created a wonderful environment for them."*

Mother of Oliver and Edward



# Student Life

Summer School students are assigned to an Aiglon boarding house, and live with fellow students and their houseparent, who oversee all pastoral care.

Students share rooms with up to three other students; accommodation is organised by age and gender. Each boarding house has its own recreational area with TV, DVD, games areas and computer network access.

Summer School meals are prepared by the Aiglon chef and his permanent staff who can cater for most special religious or other dietary needs.

Students' clothes are washed and pressed by Aiglon's in-house laundry team.

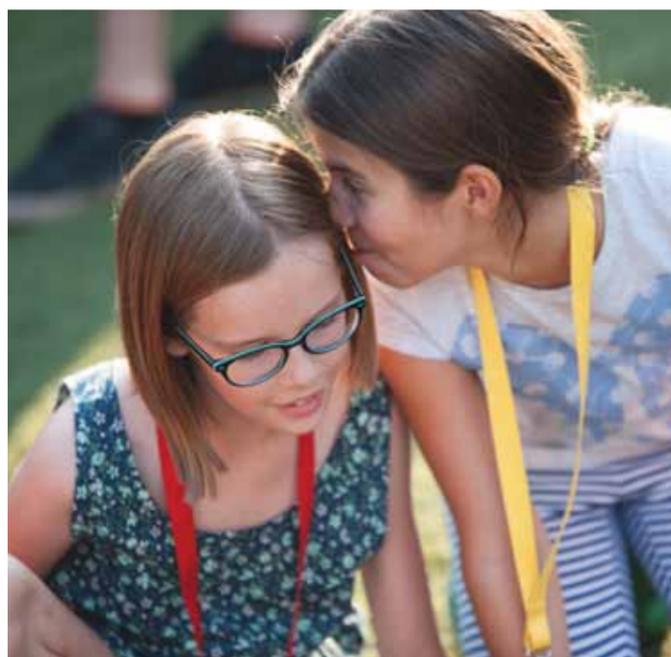


*"Our houses were incredible, a nice and comfortable place to sleep. The staff were always ready for everything."*

Ascanio, aged 12

Summer School students are looked after by a houseparent and residential house tutors – all with experience of caring for students in a welcoming environment. The health, safety and welfare of our students are always of primary importance to us.

In case of ill-health or accident, students will be treated at the on-campus health centre and cared for by Aiglon's nurse. A local doctor is always on call, and the nearby hospital provides speedy and reliable emergency services in the unlikely situation that these should be required.



# How to Apply

We are delighted that you'd like to send your child to attend the Aiglon Summer School. To make it happen, here are the next steps.

**Places are limited, so please make your application in good time so as not to miss out.**

1. Select your Summer School programme. There are a number of programmes to choose from to give you flexibility on dates, duration of course and style of programme. Please do not forget that we need one application form per attendee.
2. Include a recent passport photo of your child, which can be posted or sent as an attachment to [enterprise@aiglon.ch](mailto:enterprise@aiglon.ch)
3. Expect to hear from us promptly. We will get back to you to confirm your child's acceptance for the Summer School dates of your choice.
4. Payment of deposit and fee balance can be made online or by bank transfer. Please note that the deposit is non-returnable and non-transferable. At this time, we will also send information on making travel arrangements, a clothing list for your child, and details of your payment options.
5. Please read through our Conditions of Acceptance, which outlines our expectations of student conduct while at Aiglon, and details of what to do should you need to cancel.
6. Then enjoy discussing their plans with an excited child or teenager until summer comes round!

**You can contact the Summer School team with any questions, or submit any of the documentation requested above at [enterprise@aiglon.ch](mailto:enterprise@aiglon.ch)**

## Getting here...

Please note that escorted shuttle services run from and to Geneva airport on the opening and closing days of the programme between 8am and 5pm. This is included in the course fee. Arrival outside of these times may require a special escort, please refer to the 'general information' for further details.

*"Thank you for having Noah and giving him such a wonderful time. He enjoyed every minute of it, and when I asked whether he was pleased to be at home or whether he would have preferred to stay, he obviously opted to stay at Aiglon! So he is now nagging us to go again next year!"*

Mother of Noah

# General Information

Please read this information carefully before making your application.

## Dates

Please consult the Aiglon website at: [www.aiglon.ch/summerschool](http://www.aiglon.ch/summerschool) or the Summer School application form for confirmed dates.

## Fees

Please consult the application form or Aiglon website at [www.aiglon.ch/summerschool](http://www.aiglon.ch/summerschool) for confirmed fees. The fees are based on an all-inclusive charge which covers medical and accident insurance (excluding any pre-existing conditions), accommodation, linen and towels, laundry service, meals, language teaching, course materials, all excursions, sports, activities, entertainment. Travel from and to Geneva airport on the arrival and departure day between 8am and 5pm is available at an extra charge.

Please note that the course fees include a deposit which is a non returnable and non transferable fee.

## Fitness

Please ensure that your child has a suitable level of fitness which will enable him to fully enjoy the physical nature of some of our activities.

## Special Escort

If your child cannot arrive or depart on the set arrival / departure dates and times of the course and therefore requires a special escort, there is an additional fee for each escort required. Please note that it is not possible for a child to arrive before the start date or to remain after the end of the course. Please consult the Aiglon website for further details. We would recommend that you contact the Enterprise Office to receive further information and advice on the arrival and departure process if a special escort is required.

## Unaccompanied Minors

Most airlines require children under the age of 12 who fly without an adult to be registered by their parents as Unaccompanied Minors (UM). The airline then pays individual attention to the children right until they are in the hands of a Summer School representative.

On booking a ticket, parents MUST tell the airline the age of their children. Some airlines charge a UM handling fee, please make sure you organise and pay for the handling fee in advance. It is vitally

important that you organise and pay for the UM for your child's RETURN flight as well and you ensure that their ticket is stamped accordingly.

For children between 12 and 16 years of age, parents may ask for their children to travel as an Unaccompanied Minor. In this case, please make sure that we are aware of this and that your child has money to pay for the UM fee in case it is needed for the return journey.

Please note that a small number of budget airlines (eg Easy Jet) do not accept Unaccompanied Minors. All travel arrangements should be communicated to us (via our Travel Forms) no later than three weeks prior to the start of the Summer School.

## Application

Applications for a place on the Summer School should be made either online at [www.aiglon.ch/summerschool](http://www.aiglon.ch/summerschool) or via the paper application form.

All applications should be accompanied by one recent passport photograph. Places are allocated to students based on their suitability for the course and successful applicants will be contacted with further information, including payment details.

## Activity Options

We reserve the right to cancel an option if we do not have sufficient interest to make that option viable.

## Further Information

Please visit our website [www.aiglon.ch/summerschool](http://www.aiglon.ch/summerschool) where we have further information and do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

## Contact details

Enterprise Manager  
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## Conditions of Acceptance

We only accept boys and girls of suitable character. It is understood that all students will conduct themselves in a correct manner that meets with our expectations.

### Conduct

At Aiglon, we only accept boys and girls of suitable character. It is understood that all students will conduct themselves in a manner which is correct and which meets with our expectations. The Course Director reserves the right to send home at any time anyone whose behaviour is, in their opinion, incompatible with the general well-being of the course. No refund will be made. Any additional costs incurred, such as escort and change fees for plane tickets, will be at the parents' expense.

### Homesickness

Each year, we usually have a small number of students (usually the younger ones but not always) who experience some form of homesickness. Often this condition is aggravated by the students' constant telephone contact with their parents or their parents remaining in the area during the early stages of the Summer School. This results in the child's inability to focus on the programme and adjustment to their new surroundings.

If you feel that your child may suffer from homesickness, may we suggest that you resist your natural parental urge to maintain constant contact with your child, but allow them a period of four to five days without physical or telephone contact during which they may grow accustomed and happy with their new surroundings and new community.

### Cancellations

In the event of a cancellation, the deposit is non-refundable. With respect to any fees which have already been paid in full, a refund of the balance will be considered only in the event that the cancellation is communicated to us in writing no later than one month prior to the commencement date of the course. All cancellations made after this date will not receive any refund.

No refund will be made in respect of any child leaving before the end of the course, for whatever reason.

### Our expectations:

**Treat people with respect** – regardless of such things as age, gender, culture or nationality. Rudeness, offensive or inappropriate language, dishonesty, physical abuse or malicious behaviour will not be tolerated

**Civil behaviour is expected at all times** – this includes saying 'please', 'thank you' and 'excuse me'

**Respect the possessions of others** – stealing will not be tolerated

**Care for the campus**, its buildings and furniture, and for the local community

**Smoking (on and off campus)**, or the possession of any form of cigarettes, is banned

**Drinking**, or the possession of alcohol is banned

**Drugs**, or the possession of drugs is banned

**Boys and girls** are not allowed to visit each other's rooms at any time

**Students** may not leave the campus without having first 'signed-out' in the appropriate groups

**Students' use of mobile phones** is controlled during the day. Students will be permitted to use their mobile phones each day when on campus, between 5pm – 6.30pm during their free time.

## How to reach us

Aiglon College has good road and rail links to Geneva and Zurich airports.

### By car

110kms from Geneva airport / 210kms from Zurich airport  
Take the motorway A9 (Vevey - Simplon), exiting at Aigle and then follow signs for Ollon and then Villars

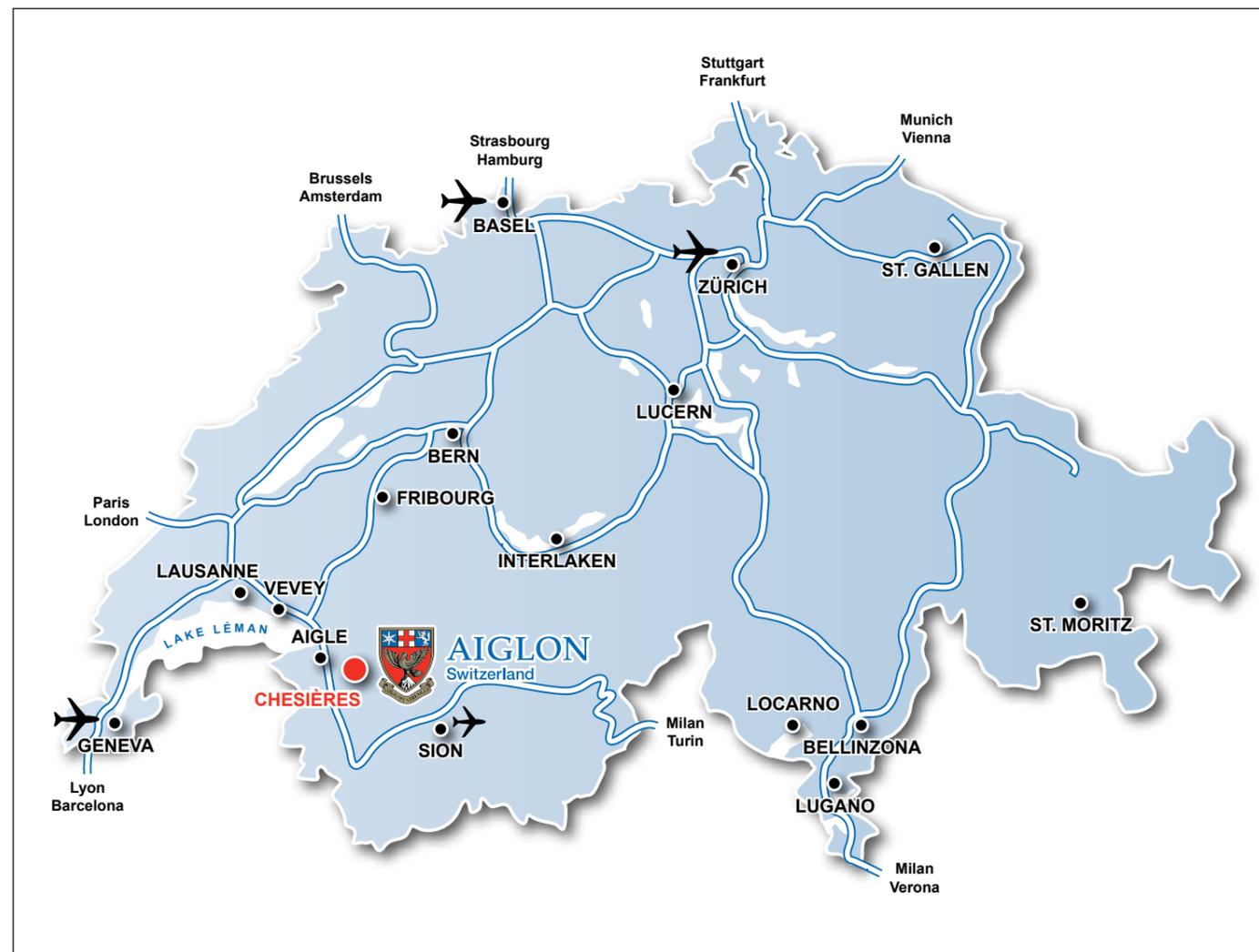
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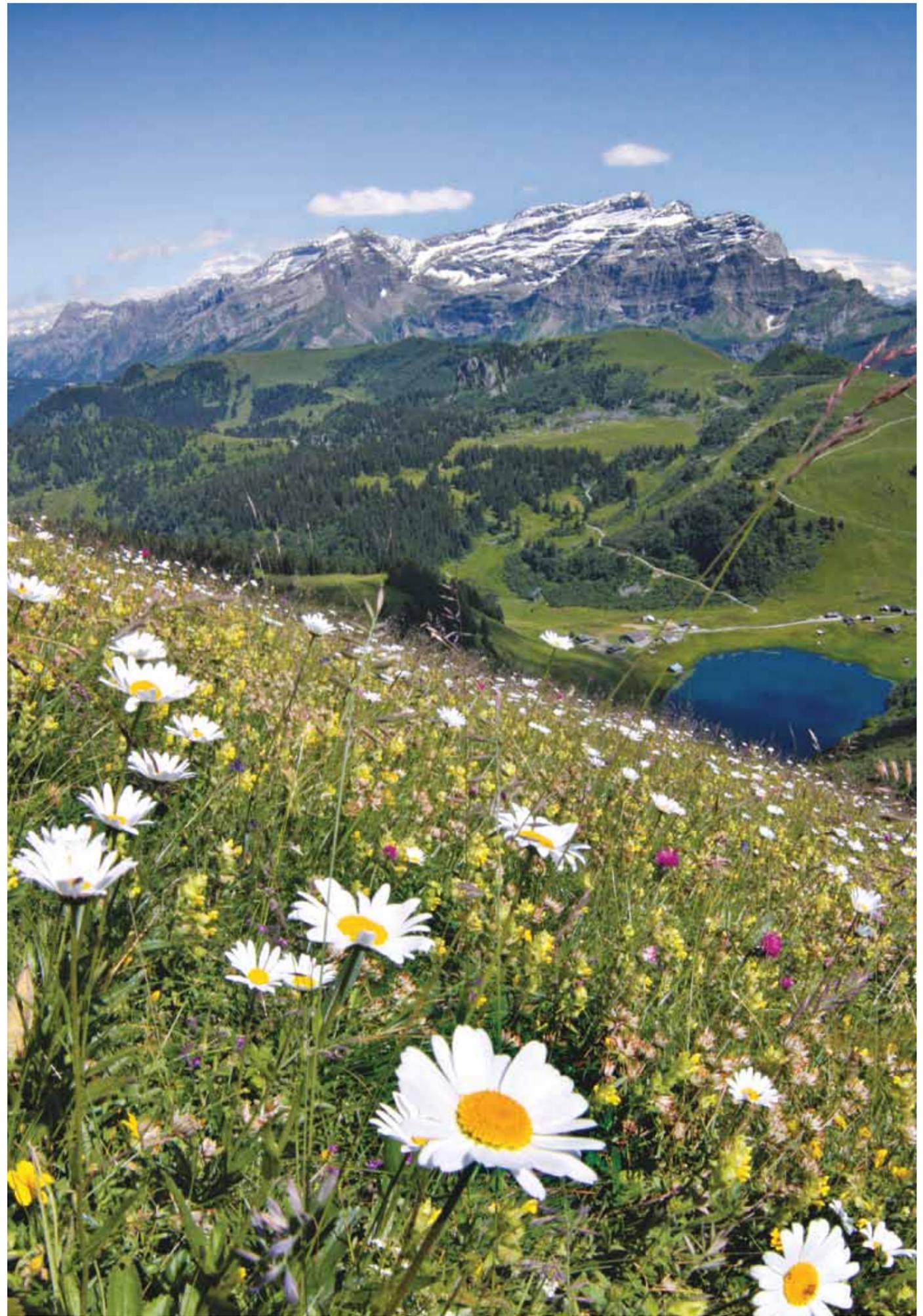
Aigle mainline station then Chesières by BVB bus  
or Bex mainline station then Villars-sur-Ollon by BVB train  
Information about timetables is available on [www.cff.ch](http://www.cff.ch)

If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us on

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