

Sigriswil

Homecoming Days 2018

Dear guests

A most cordial welcome to you in Sigriswil!

We wish you two unforgettable days with many personal encounters. To provide you with the necessary information and assistance, you will find your hosts - wearing a red hat or a red shawl - all over the village. Don't hesitate to contact them if any questions or needs arise or in case of an emergency.

On arrival you will be given a name tag), referring to your family roots, written in red colour. The "natives" with a corresponding name tag, written in black colour, are your local family relations. Meet them and enjoy your stay together in Sigriswil!*

- **Sightseeing:** e.g. "Heimwehbrunnen" ("nostalgia fountain"), or „Gemeindegewölbe" (Switzerland's "smallest museum" is open: Saturday from noon to 7 pm, Sunday 8 am to 5 pm) - see Nr. 7 and 8 on the map
- **Shopping:** the shops in the village are open on Saturday till 4 pm and closed on Sunday
- **Souvenirs from Sigriswil and General Information** are available from counters in the "Pfrundscheune"(Nr. 2 on the map) and in the festival tent
- **Admission:** The festival badge at the cost of 5 SFr gives you admission to all events in the festival tent on Saturday and Sunday, for the suspension bridge as well as the Exhibition of Family Trees in the "Barn" (Nr. 2 on the map)
- **Before you leave:** please don't forget to write in our guestbook!

**) for those of you who arrive late please call at the information counter in the tent*

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Saturday June 30

Official opening ceremony

11 am at the church followed by drinks and food in the festival tent nearby

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Time at your disposal: take a walk in the village, have coffee, go shopping and make discoveries, whatever you feel like...

Walk over famous Sigriswil suspension bridge:

For free if you get the festival badge

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Guided tour of the church – meet at the entrance of the church at 3 pm

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Exhibition of Sigriswil Family Trees

Open from 12 noon to 5 pm – at Pfrundscheune - the “Barn” behind the church.

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Guided Tours to the village – beginning at 2 pm, 3 pm and 4 pm in German, French and English (meet at Chüjerhüsi – see map)

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Guided Excursion to Justistal – Van leaves from Bus shelter next to the Cemetery 2 pm, 3 pm and 4 pm

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***Guided Afternoon Boat cruise on Lake Thun:** Take the bus (in the direction of Thun) at 1.01 pm, get off at Gunten, where the boat at 1:16 pm takes you to Spiez, Faulensee and Merligen. Get off the boat and take the bus at 2.10 pm to Gunten, where you change to the bus to Sigriswil.



***Guided Hike to Merligen and boat ride**, meet at 1.30 pm

The walk takes about 1 hour, from Merligen you can take the boat (departure 3:05 pm) to Gunten, where you can take the bus back to Sigriswil (arrives about 4 pm)

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***Guided Trip to Schwanden:** Take the bus in the direction of Schwanden (departure 1:29 pm or 2:59 pm), walk back to Sigriswil, (about one hour)



Evening Entertainment in the tent

Starts at 6 pm with food and drinks (at own cost) provided by Sigriswil Gymnastics Club – Around 8 pm a program with stories and a variety of local music begins (see separate sheet for details) - open end

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**buy your own ticket*

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Sunday July 1

Church service

9:45 am in the church, followed by a welcome drink and a get-together in the festival tent

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Äpler Chilbi (“Alpine Feast”)

from 11 a m with food and drinks (at own cost) in the festival tent provided by “Bärgjodler” Sigriswil; festival program includes yodeling – Brass –Alphorn - anything! (See flyer)

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Afternoon choice of activities (same as on Saturday)

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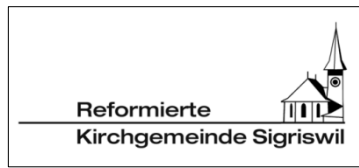
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Our Gold partners

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Frutiger AG
Weinkeller zur Post Tschingel

If you want – please tell us something about you and your family

- Your name – also your “Sigriswil-Roots Name”?
- Your place of residence?
- Your family’s emigration story: When? Who? Where to?
- Have you met any local relations yet?
- Your motivation to attend the Sigriswil Heritage Days 2018?

Please write your answers on a sheet of paper take it to the “barn” (Nr. 2) and stick it to the notice board! See who else is here! You also might get an opportunity to share your story on stage during the evening program on Saturday.