



### TKF-ICOC Conference Tour

## Carpets and Collections of the Swiss Alpine Area

Following the success of the 2019 ICOC tour "Carpets and Collections of the Alpine Area" and in its tradition, the Austrian Society for Textile Art Research (TKF) and the Forum Textil- und Teppichkunst Basel (FTT) are pleased to announce a further **ICOC Tour**:

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**September 16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024**

In view of the ICOC's longstanding and successful cooperation with museums, this diverse Swiss tour will offer privileged access to lesser known museums, monasteries and institutions to view exhibitions and important collections of Oriental carpets and textiles, Byzantine silks, medieval tapestries and local textile art. It will also offer the opportunity to listen to expert lectures in English.



The Swiss Tour will kick off in **Zurich** on Monday Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> 2024 with an evening reception.

A comfortable bus will take us the next day to **Berne** (Historical Museum Berne, and the viewing of a private collection).

On Wednesday we will visit the world famous **Abeggstiftung in Riggisberg**, followed by viewing of an outstanding private collection followed by a reception at the romantic lake of Thun.



On Thursday, the tour will proceed through the spectacular mountainous landscape of the Swiss Alps to **Gruyeres** (museum), **Saint Maurice** and to **Sion**.

Friday in Sion will be dedicated to a visit of the depot of the local monastery and church and the castle. Both stunningly situated on two rocky hilltops. We will then leave Sion for Basel by bus.

Saturday will find us in **Basel** with its vast ethnological collections.

On Sunday will be able to enjoy a special exhibition of three private collections in **Freiburg, Germany**. In the evening a farewell reception will be held in a private historical building.



The entire tour will be accompanied by lectures and guided tours and we will be enjoy the unique Swiss hospitality in leisurely comfort.

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The conference fee comprises 7 nights in hotel accommodation, including breakfast, transportation, entrance fees, lectures, etc. and will come up to approximately Eur 1.900,- pp

➤ More details will follow in due course and we plan to open the booking window March to April 2024.

- ✓ Participants should mark their September 2024 calendars now for an event that will generate as much camaraderie as did the 2019 ICOC Alpine Tour of Austria and Italy.

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