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ACCOMMODATION

Grindelwald

Elevation 1090 m

Grindelwald is known as the glacier village for its proximity to the Alpine wonderland of eternal ice and snow. Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau (Ogre, Monk and Virgin), three appropriately fanciful names for peaks of mountaineering legend. The impressive backdrop of the world-famous snow-capped mountains are like a stage setting for Grindelwald.

Conference Venue / Accommodation

Hotel Kirchbühl

CH-3818 Grindelwald

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The workshop takes place at the Hotel Kirchbühl, one of the many first class hotels in Grindelwald. Participants will be accommodated in the same hotel. The Hotel Kirchbühl lies on a sunny and quiet hill with a marvellous view of the surrounding mountains.

Registration

Registration for the workshop and the hotel accommodation is handled by:

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Participants are asked to register through the web:

<http://iwbs2004.web.psi.ch/registration/>

Deadline: November 1, 2004

Prices

Prices from December 6 – 10, 2004

The room prices for the period of the workshop include full board (breakfast, lunch, dinner, coffee breaks, VAT and taxes inclusive). Drinks have to be paid by the participants. All rooms are equipped with a bath or a shower, toilet, hairdryer, Radio, TV, minibar, phone and a safe.

Room single occupancy CHF 240.00 / per day

Room double occupancy CHF 185.00 / per day / person

Hotel apartment CHF 185.00 / per day / person

Apartments are in a separate house

Participants may use the sauna, steam bath and the whirl pool of the hotel as well as the public swimming pool and the outdoor ice skating of Grindelwald free of charge.

An excursion to PSI and the workshop dinner are included in the prices.

Prices for additional accommodation before or after the workshop

Single room CHF 155.00 / per day (incl. breakfast)

Double room CHF 100.00 / per day/person (incl. breakfast)

Hotel apartment CHF 100.00 / per day/person (incl. breakfast)

Apartments are in a separate house

Additional CHF 38.00 / per day / person for half-board

Payment

Accommodation including full board is to be paid at the Hotel Kirchbühl. Payment at the Hotel Kirchbühl can be made by credit card (VISA, Mastercard, Diners Club) or in cash (Swiss Francs).

Cancellation

Any changes and cancellations must be communicated in writing to PSI.

Meals

Vegetarian meals will be served on request. Please mention your request in the registration form.

Currency

The Swiss currency is the Swiss Franc, written CHF. Shops accept major credit cards. Cash dispenser machines are located next to many banks. Currency can be exchanged at banks and at every major railway station throughout the day.

Travel

By plane

The main entry points for international flights are Zürich, Geneva and Basel. The airports are well connected with fast trains. The train stations at Zürich and Geneva Airport are located at the airport terminal itself and can be reached within a couple of minutes after exiting customs. Basel EuroAirport is served by shuttle bus from Basel SBB main station. Please be aware that a taxi from one of the airports to Grindelwald would cost several hundred Swiss Francs !

By train

Zürich Airport – Grindelwald 3 ½ h / Geneva Airport – Grindelwald 4 h

Trains are a popular and convenient way to travel in Switzerland. Grindelwald can easily be reached by train. Take a train to Interlaken Ost, from there you get on the train to Grindelwald / Wengen. The train is clearly marked in two sections, the back half goes to Grindelwald, the front section goes to Wengen. Make sure that you are in the right section!

Shuttle Bus Grindelwald train station – Hotel Kirchbühl

Participants who arrive by train at Grindelwald station may use the special phone at the station to call the shuttle bus of the Hotel Kirchbühl. The hotel bus will pick up participants and bring them directly to the hotel.

Insurance, Liability

PSI does not accept liability for individual medical, travel or personal insurance, and workshop participants are strongly advised to take out their own personal insurance policies. There is no state health service in Switzerland and all treatment must be paid for.

Climate

Snowfall and cold temperature is not unusual for the beginning of December, average day temperature is approximately 0° C, and it may drop to below 0° C at night.

Social Program

Workshop Dinner, Thursday, December 9, 2004

A typical Swiss dinner, Cheese Fondue, will be organized on Thursday evening.

Excursions

Swiss Light Source - Paul Scherrer Institut, Villigen

Jungfrauoch – Top of Europe

On Thursday, December 9, 2004 we will organize a visit to the Jungfrauoch – Top of Europe (Train Ticket Grindelwald-Jungfrauoch: CHF 40.00 / per person).

The unique trip by modern cogwheel starts at Grindelwald and takes you to Kleine Scheidegg, at the foot of the notorious Eiger North Wall. From here the Jungfrau Railway climbs to the Eiger Glacier Station and continues through the Eiger tunnel, to the Eigerwand and Eismeer stations. At the top of Europe you will enjoy some spectacular sightseeing in the heart of a glorious glacier world. Just on the Jungfrauoch begins the Great Aletsch Glacier, at 22 km the longest ice-stream in the Alps.

Attractions on the Jungfrauoch:

- Visit at the High Alpine Research Institute
- Ice Palace
- Ice Gateway
- Sphinx observation terrace

- Plateau with hikes in the eternal snow
- “Top of Europe” Glacier Restaurant

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