

Take Ted Travelling

Destinations: - Lauterbrunnen, Switzerland
- Lac de Chalain, Jura, France



Ted and I went travelling for nearly three weeks in August to France and Switzerland. We went with my family in our caravan and also met up with some friends in France.

We camped in Lauterbrunnen, which is a picturesque village in the Swiss Alps. It is 796m above sea level. We were surrounded by snow-capped mountains and shimmering waterfalls - it was like a magical kingdom!

We bought some special Swiss rail tickets, and spent six days travelling by train (some were funicular railways) and cable cars up the Alps.



The Swiss people spoke German. There were several different nationalities visiting the Alps. On our campsite Ted spotted 20 different car registration plates from around the world, e.g. Latvia, Russia and Poland!

It was amazing that when Ted and I travelled up into the mountains there were restaurants really high up, for example, Schynige Platte (2068m). We enjoyed hot chocolate and giant cookies! Ted also enjoyed



eating potato rosti meals, cheese fondues and Swiss chocolate!

The Swiss cows had huge bells around their necks. We visited a Teddy museum.



Our most amazing train journey was up to the Jungfrauoch which is 3454m high. We went by funicular railway to the top. On the way up Ted spotted the snow-covered



Eiger Mountain (3970m). It was sunny with brilliant blue skies and yet the temperature was -3 degrees! Ted's fur kept him warm but I needed gloves, hats, lots of jackets and sunglasses!



We visited an ice-palace and went sledging. We walked on the untrodden, powdery snow and looked across to the Aletsch glacier - the longest in Europe! Ted thought it was beautiful and was surprised when the crystal clear view suddenly disappeared and went white. I tried to explain to Ted that we were really high and the clouds had

covered everything up.

We also visited some waterfalls called Trümmelback falls which drain water from the glaciers in the Alps, up to 20,000 litres of gushing water cascading down the rocks every second!

We spent the rest of our holiday in the Jura region of France by a huge lake called Lac de Chalain. It was warm, about 25 degrees and Ted and I had great fun swimming and boating in the lake. We went on a canoe, pedalo, electric boat and dingy. Ted liked the pedalo best!

Ted and I ate lots of crêpes and even tried some wine - we preferred the crêpes!

What a fabulous holiday we had - home for a rest! Au revoir.

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