

Medieval Switzerland

EMPOWERING BUILDING TECHNOLOGY 900 - 1500

Medieval buildings had a considerable impact on the later development of European architecture. Many important technical challenges of architecture were solved during the Middle Ages, such as working with carefully dressed stone, vaulting, and roofing of large spaces, as well as providing adequate lighting. Therefore, medieval buildings are invaluable monuments of construction history. During our seminar trip, we will discover the rich heritage of medieval architecture in Switzerland and the near neighbourhood. At the crossroads of Europe, we encounter many facets of medieval architecture in this small country. We will visit what is not normally accessible to tourists (e.g., roof spaces, vault walks, excavations), and we will try to understand the medieval processes of building and read the ubiquitous associated traces. Our trip will bring us to places ranging from the Reichenau Island (Lake Constance, Germany) to Lausanne and Chillon, from Schaffhausen and Stein am Rhein to Zug, Kappel am Albis, and Chur. Come with us to discover rarely perceived sides of Switzerland, or to rediscover monuments you believe to be already well acquainted with!

We strive to make seminar trips as reasonably-priced and as CO₂ efficient as possible, while keeping the highest level of interest and exclusivity of access. Therefore, we travel by Public Transport. We start and end every day at Zurich to avoid accommodation expenses.

The seminar trip is free of charge except for transport, which has to be booked and paid individually by the participants. With Halbtax, expect total cost of around 250.- CHF for the entire week. All entrance fees, guided tours, the reader, as well as a dinner reception on Thursday are covered by ETH.

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15 - 18 Participants | Category A