

English Speaking Club Zurich

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Programme MAY – JULY 2026

100th Edition

USTER BREWERY



Wednesday, May 6, 2026

Please register by April 28 latest

Ostrich Farm **SEMPACH**



Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Summer Excursion

Zurich Airport *behind the scenes»
Lunch at Farmhouse Inn Embrach



Saturday, July 11, 2026

*Look over the Captain's shoulder
while you are on the lake*

Zürichseefähre **Horgen – Meilen**



Tuesday, July 21, 2026

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SUMMARY

MAY

Wednesday, 6 th	Beer Brewery Uster - <i>register by 28th April</i>
Tuesday, 19 th	Ostrich Farm Sempach - <i>register by 12th May</i>
Thursday, 28 th	Symphony of spices – Ethnographic Museum- <i>register by 24th May</i>

JUNE

Wednesday, 10 th	Lascaux Colours Brütisellen - <i>register by 4th June</i>
Tuesday, 16 th	Stapferhaus Lenzburg – <i>register by 25th May</i>
Wednesday, 24 th	MG Harmonie Kilchberg “Platzkonzert” ➔ CANCELLED !

JULY

Saturday, 11 th	Summer excursion Airport & Farmhouse Inn - <i>register by 25th June</i>
Tuesday, 21 st	Zürichseefähre “Burg”- <i>register by 17th July</i>
Tuesday, 28 th	Open House at the Bauschänzli

INFORMATION TO ALL MEMBERS

Your registration for an event by phone is only valid when you leave (in a clear voice) your last and first name as well as the telephone number where you can be reached.
Ticket events are non refundable - No show policy will be applied

A short note from the Committee

Dear Members,

The AGM 2026 is over and everybody has been informed how the remaining Club year goes on. IMPORTANT – we don't slow down now – NO – we will even accelerate - 3 events each month in the upcoming period! From a beer brewery visit to an ostrich farm in Sempach over to the Stapferhaus Lenzburg further to the Captain's deck on the Zürichsee Fähre "Burg". Even though many events take place away from Zürich, there are still some we run within the City of Zurich.

You can see it small printed on the front page – 100th edition of this Club programme. What does this mean? 100 is related to the number of programmes issued by the former Secretary. Indeed, the club has issued approx.

250 programmes (based on a 3months interval) since 1963. Only a part of them are in our archives. But we do have almost all sign books. This are the files in which the members sign that they were present at the named event. This "fat book" also got the nickname "Appellliste" and tells a lot about the spirits and habits from past times.

We wish you a nice spring/summer season with our new Club programme.

Warmest regards

Your Committee

April 28 Register with Sibylle for Beer Brewery Uster

May 6 **Beer Brewery, Uster**

15.30 h

Register The Brewery Uster is one of the oldest Breweries in Switzerland, founded
Wednesday in 1897.

In German

We are lucky to get a German guided tour through the old premises, like the old "Sudhaus", and the new machinery house, all in the rooms are listed for preservation (are under preservation order).



The putting into service of the old steam engine was in 1897 and is still

"on place". A very few steam machines from that period of time are still in use in Europe. We will end the guided tour with a beer tasting.

The beer sommelière will explain all the 10 different beers they produce in Uster...one of them is non alcoholic!

More information, see also www.braukultur.ch

To round off the evening we walk back 10-12 minutes to a nice little restaurant, next to the station. This event is subsidised by the club. Members pay CHF 15.00, guests CHF 20.00. Space is limited to 15, therefore it's good to register as early as possible with Sibylle by phone 044 780 19 45.

Please indicate also if you are joining us for the restaurant.

Please organize your own ticket. Meet Sibylle at 15.30 h in front of track 15. We will go together to track 43/44. The train, S14, leaves at 15.42 h, direction Hinwil. In Uster our member Gertrud will be waiting for us and we walk together the 15 minutes to the Brewery.

For car drivers - parking in front of the Brewery.

When you Register, please leave your full name and phone number in a clear voice.

May 12 Register with Sonja for Ostrich Farm Sempach

May 19 **Ostriches - descendants of dinosaurs**

13.50 h

Register

**German/
English**



Do you know, ostriches are the largest and heaviest birds on earth? Although they cannot fly, they are the fastest running birds, reaching speeds up to 70 kmh. They could outrun leopards! Wild ostriches live in Africa, inhabiting open, arid to semi-arid environments like savannahs, grasslands and semi-deserts. They are found in regions south of the Sahara, including East and Southern Africa, such as Kenya, Somalia, Ethiopia, Namibia, Botswana and South Africa.

Are you interested to get in contact with ostriches? You don't have to book an expensive safari - simply join the ESCZ for the guided tour at the "Ostrich Farm" in Sempach. Yves Wagner will be ready to show us his farm in German/English within about 1 ½ hours.

Buy a return ticket to "Sempach Hültschern", and meet **Barbara** at 13.50 h in front of track 5 at main station Zurich. Members have to pay CHF 5.00 and guests CHF 15.00. **Very important:** Sonja is responsible for the organisation, **but Barbara will be your guide.** **Thank you, Barbara!** Please register as early as possible with Sonja via sonita@sunrise.ch or by phone **044 302 45 47** (preferably in the evening). It's Barbara's choice to round off the day at the "Restaurant Seeland" on the shore of Lake Sempach. Will you join?

May 24 Register with Jürg for Symphony of Spices

May 25 Register with Sibylle for Museum Stapferhaus, Lenzburg, Hauptsache Gesund

May 28 **Symphony of Spices – Vietnamese Roots at Ethnographic Museum**

17.45 h

**Register
Thursday**



Spices have connected cultures and cuisines across the globe for over 2000 years. Regarded as one of the first global commodities, they played a major role in European colonization efforts. Yet, we know surprisingly little about their history, their origins, and how they made their way onto our kitchen shelves.

This exhibition traces the roots and routes of star anise, cinnamon, and cardamom from northern Vietnam. This triad of flavours gives the

Vietnamese noodle soup *phở* its distinctive taste, while their aromas awaken a sense of Christmas in Switzerland.

Between *phở* and mulled wine unfolds a complex web of historical and contemporary connections – from local cultivation to expanding global markets for "exotic" spices. How do spices move from production to consumption? Who are the people behind them? What are they used for? And what memories and associations do their tastes and scents evoke within the Vietnamese diaspora?

Tonight, we will have a 1 hour English guided tour about these ingredients which make our life "spicier". Your contribution for the tour guide is CHF 5.00 (guests CHF 15.00), the Ethnographic Museum (Völkerkundemuseum) entrance is FREE.

Location: Pelikanstrasse 40, 8001 Zurich.

Meeting Point: **Tram** Station Zürich Selnau – you reach this with tram 8 from Stauffacher or from Paradeplatz or Zürich Selnau Railway station. Please be there at 17.45 h. Then we have a short walk to the Museum, the guided tour starts at **18.00 h sharp**.

More info, see www.musethno@vmz.uzh.ch

After the guided tour, we are going to the nearby Italian Restaurant Antica Roma at Sihlramtstrasse. Please register with Jürg by May 24, phone 079 580 10 81 or e-mail to info@escz.ch. Specify whether you join for the Restaurant or not.

June 4

Register with Sonja for Lascaux

June 10
13.10 h

**Register
Wednesday**



Lascaux Colours & Restauero, Barbara Diethelm AG in Brüttisellen

What does the name Lascaux mean to you? Lascaux is evocative of a pioneering spirit, whether you go back 26'000 years, to the primeval force inherent in the cave paintings of Lascaux, or just half a century to Alois K. Diethelm's pioneering work with acrylic paints. Lascaux products have meanwhile become firmly established in artistic as well as restoration circles. We have the great chance to get an English guided tour of about 1 ½ hours with a fascinating insight into the world of Lascaux.

Buy a return ticket to Brüttisellen Zentrum, and meet Sonja (or her deputy) at Bahnhof Oerlikon NORD; tram 50 and several trains will bring you there. Bus 787 will leave at 13.17 h direction Brüttisellen Zentrum. Members pay CHF 5.00, guests CHF 10.00. After the tour, we can sit together in the wonderful chestnut garden of the wellknown restaurant Rössli. Please register as early as possible with Sonja via sonita@sunrise.ch or by phone **044 302 45 47** (preferably in the evening).

June 16
10.55 h
Register



Health First - Exhibition at the Museum Stapferhaus, Lenzburg

Health First is an exhibition with "side effects". Health is the great promise of our time. We do almost anything in order to stay healthy. We track and exercise, eat super foods, vitamins and mineral supplements. We trust the latest medical research and rely on high-end medicine standards. The success is quite obvious: never before have we lived longer than now.

At the same time, we are faced with some important questions: How do we deal with health issues? How healthy is healthy enough? Who is responsible for health in general and who pays the price? The exhibition's interactive circuit is spirit lifting, prescription free and doesn't need a referral from a specialist.

The dialogue-based tour allows the health theme to be explored in depth. A guide accompanies the tour, leads to the highlights of the exhibition and moderates the discussion among the participants. It's an inspiring community experience with focal points that are specifically set for each group. Duration: 90 minutes. This is Beatrice Widmer's event, a long-standing member of the club. She will await us at Lenzburg station, from there we leave with the bus to the Hypi-place and will have first lunch in one of the little old restaurants. Afterwards we will leave for our tour in the Stapferhaus Museum, next to the station. The price for the guided tour is subsidised by the club. So members are FREE, guests pay CHF 15.00. Members and guests have to pay an entrance ticket of CHF21.00. For Museumspass holder the entrance is free.

More information, see also www.stapferhaus.ch

It's a co-event, therefore Sibylle will wait for you in front of track 17 at HB. The train for Lenzburg leaves at 11.08 h. Please get your own ticket. It's good to register as early as possible with Sibylle by phone 044 780 19 45.

When you register, please leave your full name and phone number in a clear voice.

June 24
18.20 h
Wednesday

at 20.00 h
concert
starts

weather
depending !

Summer concert open-air (Platzkonzert) of Harmonie Kilchberg at Seeanlage Bendlikon – going there by scheduled Zürisee Schiff

Harmonie Kilchberg is the local music society of Kilchberg with 50+ members that practices once a week and prides itself on musical enthusiasm. From marches to polkas, from folk tunes to symphonic music with expressive tunes to symphonic music with expressive tunes to show you what we like and what we are capable of. Come along and enjoy an evening of music sitting at the shore of Lake Zurich. Our members are happy to be a musician in this orchestra.



Only in good weather the event will be cancelled. Please consult www.hk.ch on the same day.

In uncertain conditions, please decide whether the concert will take place or not. If the event doesn't take place, and we won't offer another program.

CANCELLED!

- The Concert will last approx. 1hour
- **FREE of charge**
- Start: 20.00 h
- Open-air concert, no dedicated seating for audience.
- Venue: Seeanlage Bendlikon (Seestrasse 153, 8802 Kilchberg)

There will be a food truck / bistro type for drinks and food with tables and seating. We do not expect too many people to be there, so if you order a drink you will have a seat.

How to get there (→ recommended and easy):

By boat:

Zürich Bürkliplatz (See) direct to

→ dep. 18.30 h arrival 18.55 h

So, there is plenty of time to socialise before the concert begins.

You may join

Bus 165: From Kilchberg, Bendlikon, directly at the Seeanlage, dep. 18.24 h, dep. Or 19.44 h arrival 19.56 h
S-Bahn: S8 and S11 from HB to Kilchberg, running every 15 minutes, 5 min. downhill from station to Seeanlage.

There is no registration necessary, I'll just see those who are coming by boat, I'll meet them at 18.20 h at Bürkliplatz "Schiffsteg 3".

The scheduled boat is valid on your regular ZVV Ticket, so you just buy a return ticket to Kilchberg ZH (See).

The way back to Zurich is done either by bus or train, the boat doesn't operate anymore so late in the evening. This is Jürg's event, questions, phone 079 580 10 81. You may let me know on the same day so I get an idea on how many we will be on the boat/concert with me.

June 25

Register with Jürg for Summer Excursion

July 11
09.45 h

**Register
Saturday**

Summer Excursion – Insight Zurich Airport and lunch at Farmhouse Inn



In past decades, summer parties or premium summer events have been a fixed part in our annual activities. In this last Club year, it is more than appropriate to run one once again – with dignity and yet a splash of action. We don't have to go far and find excellent opportunities for a guided tour combined with fine food afterwards.

Briefly:

- behind the scenes at Zurich Airport
- Lunch at a cosy Farmhouse Inn in Embrach

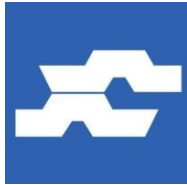
Please find more information in the detailed event description which will be in your letter box in the next few days.

July 17

Register with Jürg for Zürichsee Fähre "Burg" Horgen Meilen

July 21

16.05 h

**Register
In German****Zürichsee Fähre - guided tour on the cruising ferry "Burg"**

We all see it when we travel along the Goldküste or Pfnüselküste towards Rapperswil – The Zürichsee Fähre which connects Horgen with Meilen. The main function is transporting passengers AND cars (and some exhausted bikers). This late afternoon, we have a German guided tour at the ferry terminal Horgen AND on the boat "Burg". **We literally look over the shoulders of the Captain** who is guiding the vessel over the lake whatever the weather and wind conditions are. We get information about the loading and unloading procedures and everything it takes in order to run the whole viability.

The contribution for the tour guide is CHF 15.00 for members and CHF 25.00 for guests. The tour includes the rides from Horgen to Meilen and back. Please buy your own return ticket to Horgen, Schärbächli Fähre. We meet at HB at 16.05 latest at track 13. The S2 departs at 16.17 h. In Horgen, we change to bus 121 which brings us very close to the ferry terminal. From there. It's a 5 minute walk down to the lake. Only a few parking spaces are available there, not free of charge. A good physical condition is required as we walk quite a few steps up and down. At 16.55 h **SHARP**, we must be at the ferry terminal as the "Burg" departs at 17.00 h on schedule.

After the tour, for those who like, we will go to the Italian restaurant "Olivo" in Horgen, just in front of the railway station. From there, you will have good connections back to Zurich. Please register with Jürg by July 17, phone 079 580 10 81 or e-mail to info@escz.ch.

Specify whether you join for the Restaurant or not.

July 28

19.00 h

**Last Open House at Bauschänzli**

The times of Open House events are actually gone, but the one on the Bauschänzli, we keep for one last time,

If it rains and the Bauschänzli is nevertheless open, we can still sit under a huge tent, maybe not all of us immediately together at the same table.

If it's officially closed (therefore check website www.bauschaenzli.com) then we will move to the nearby Old Fashion Bar at Fraumünsterstrasse 15 to find shelter. But let's keep our fingers crossed that we will be able to enjoy our get together at this special garden restaurant in downtown Zurich on a mild summer evening.

As the Bauschänzli can be quite busy and some faces might not be familiar I will try and put some mark of identification (the Union Jack or a small English flag) on our table.

How to get there: Take any tram or bus to Bürkliplatz.

Walk across the square towards the Limmat where you will see the Bauschänzli on its island in the Limmat. This is Jürg's event.

Any questions, call 079 580 10 81 or e-mail to info@escz.ch

Upcoming Club events

August 22 Goldau mountain slide museum + wild animal enclosure (Wildgehege)

September 16 SBB Railway cleaning wagon service center Herdern

December 12 Christmas Dinner 2026