

English Speaking Club Zurich

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Programme NOVEMBER 2025 – JANUARY 2026

98th Edition

KEEP IT CO₂OL
Tech to the rescue?
Special exhibition

at

focusTerra



Tuesday, November 11, 2025

Please register by November 5 latest

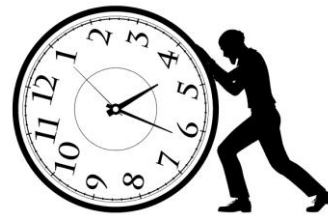
Open Church in the Advent

«**TIME**»

ART EXHIBITION

in

Pfäffikon ZH



Tuesday, December 2, 2025

Santa Claus brings us to the

MAGGI MUSEUM

&

Christmas Market at Rathausplatz

in

Singen (Hohentwiel)

Germany

Day Excursion



Saturday, December 6, 2025

Each of us has still a bit of
the playful child in us...

Game Evening

at the

Restaurant Werdguet



Tuesday, January 27, 2026

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SUMMARY

NOVEMBER

Tuesday, 11th KEEP IT CO₂OL at focusTerra - *register by 5th November*
 Tuesday, 18th Mammot Museum Niederweningen - *register by 14th November*

DECEMBER

Tuesday, 2nd "Time" Art Exhibition Pfäffikon ZH - *register by 26th November*
 Saturday, 6th Maggi & Christmas Market Singen – *register by 26th November*
 Saturday, 13th Christmas Dinner 2025 – *register by 7th December*

JANUARY

Wednesday, 7th Fondue at Panoramastube Albisgüetli – *register by 30th December*
 Tuesday, 20th Swiss Youth Hostel Wollishofen - *register by 15th January*
 Tuesday, 27th Game evening with Barbara at the Restaurant Werdguet

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 (not so short) note from the secretary

Have you noticed? The programme has become shorter. What is missing?

We are no longer running the ordinary Open House event on the last Tuesday of the month in the Restaurant Werdguet. Reason: Low attendance. But we still will hold events there, of course the AGM, Marina's colorful slide shows or i.e. a game evening (see January 27, 2026).

The idea for the Open House comes from the "Zero" years. It once was a well attended event, not only by members but also by prospective members. This spirit has vaporized during the decades.

But let's NOT be sad about this and take a look with us into the future. The events of the next period are again high quality or even "mammutmässig". There is something for everyone:

You will learn more about our climate, encounter mammut, spend Santa Claus day abroad and smell some nostalgia in a Swiss Youth Hostel. Maybe, in your young and tender years, you spent nights in such a Hostel, in dormitories equipped with bunks. You met other travelers, exchanged travel information and spent the night while someone was snoring or you smelt the odour of sweaty socks. However, today, so much has changed, most importantly, the huge majority of the rooms nowadays are for 2 guests.

IMPORTANT: In the night from 13/14 December, there is as usual the new timetable for the public transport. As you probably have heard, tram and bus will partly get new numbers and/or change routes. This means that the descriptions "How to get there" are not correct anymore when our January events take place. As of now (October 21), the details are not yet public. Please check your itinerary before you leave.

And last but not least: I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Christmas Dinner 2025. As this is on December 13, everything runs on the timetable which is valid now.

Warmest regards

Jürg

November 5 Register with Heinz for focusTerra

November 11 **KEEP IT CO₂OL – Tech to the rescue? - focusTerra**

18.00 h

Register



*'I'm not allowed to fly anymore! I should give up my car!
And I can't eat meat anymore either?'*

Actually, climate protection is not about doing without, but about swapping old habits for new possibilities. This special exhibition wants to show how technical progress and social change can come together. Reducing CO₂ does not mean living, it means also working together.

You are welcome to join this one hour guided tour in English.

Afterwards we will have a meal or a drink in a nearby Italian restaurant. The event is strictly limited to 12 people, members preferred. Cost is CHF 10.- (20.- guests)

Meeting point: Entrance of focusTerra, Sonneggstrasse 5, CH-8092 Zurich

How to get there: Tram 7 to Sonneggstrasse, or 10 to Haldenegg. Then walk a few meters to the nearby location.

Register with Heinz, not later than by November 5

(H: 044 780 19 45, O: 044 784 85 87, or E-Mail (preferred)

hvifian@bluewin.ch

More information, see also www.focusterra.ethz.ch

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

November 14 Register with Jürg for Mammut Museum Niederweningen

November 18 **Mammut Museum Niederweningen**

16.05 h

Register

German



What would you do if you went out for an evening stroll and all of a sudden, a huge mammut bull would come out of the forest? No worries, they don't exist anymore (you rather encounter a wolf, a lynx or even a hungry bear...). But approx. 24'000 years ago, it is a matter of fact that mammut lived in our latitudes.

In 1890, parts of a mammut skeleton were found in the Wehntal, and this was a national sensation – and later also the inspiration in order to build up the "Mammutmuseum" in Niederweningen.

Together with Mrs. Andrea Weber, we will have a German guided tour for 1 hour while travelling back into the last ice age when those huge "guys" were alive. Costs for members:

CHF 5.00, guests pay CHF 15.00. How to get there: Buy a return ticket to "Niederweningen Dorf" which can be reached from Zurich HB by the S 15 train (direct train). It is a 5-minute

walk to the museum. After the tour, we can go to the Restaurant Löwen for food and drink, just next to the railway station. For car drivers, there is parking space, please adjust your “Navi” to Mitteldorfstrasse 1, 8166 Niederweningen.

Meeting point: Meet Jürg at 16.05 h at track 12 at Zurich HB, we will take S15 leaving 16.22 h, arr. 16.53 h.

The tour starts at 17.00 h.

For the ride back, we have train connections every 30 minutes.

Further excellent information, see www.mammutmuseum.ch

Please register with Jürg, no later than November 14, phone 079 580 10 81 or send all details to www.escz.ch.

Please specify whether you join for dinner or not.

November 26 Register with Sonja for Art Exhibition in Pfäffikon ZH

November 26 Register with Jürg for Maggi Museum Singen

December 2 **Art exhibition in Pfäffikon ZH**

16.25 h **sharp**

Register

German



The Reformed Church in Pfäffikon ZH opens every 2 to 3 years under the name ‘Open Church in Advent’ the doors for an art exhibition, and our club member Gertrud Zink is one of the 4 organisers. Artists, creative persons, school classes and institutions are invited to create a work of art, this year on the topic “Time“. That’s a wide-ranging theme: Leisure time, timeless, time window, winter time, spirit of the time.....

Gertrud invites us for a very interesting tour in **German**, lasting about 1 hour. You will get quite a lot of information about the exhibition objects, and Gertrud is looking forward to answering your questions. This event is free of charge.

Meeting place: Latest at 16.25 h in front of track 14 at main station Zurich (the S3 will leave at 16.34 h from track 43/44).

Please register as early as possible with Sonja via

sonita@sunrise.ch or by phone **044 302 45 47**

(preferably in the evening).

While registering, please don’t forget to mention, whether you will join for a meal in a nearby restaurant.

December 7 Register for Christmas Dinner (see yellow registration form)

December 6
08.50 h
Register
Saturday
Day excursion



Maggi Museum Singen & Christmas Market at Rathausplatz

Santa Claus Day – BRRR !!! - But can you remember? It was on a **hot** summer day in 2024 when we went to visit the former Maggi Areal in Kemptthal. This time, we go to the birth place of Maggi in Singen (DE) on a probably **cold** winter day, combined with the nearby Christmas Market at Rathausplatz.

The itinerary looks as followed:

08.50 h meet at track 14 in Zürich HB.

Train ride to Singen (Hohentwiel) HB 09.05 h departs, Singen 10.15 h arrives, change train in Schaffhausen.

10.30 h guided tour with Mrs. Maria Jörke in the Maggi manufacture Singen, next to the railway station.

Partly performed in English, special expressions will be explained in German, duration: approx. 1 ½ hour.

Costs: FREE of charge for members, guests pay CHF 5.00.

After the tour, we have a 15-minute walk towards Rathausplatz where we have a various food offer for lunch at good rates in €. From there, we enjoy stunning views to the massive fortification Hohentwiel which dominates Singen. Hohentwiel is a former volcano which can also be seen from the Zurich area on a clear day. We eat outside while standing but some sitting benches + tables are available. Dress yourself accordingly to cold temperatures and airdraft. If someone wants to be inside for lunch, there is a Spanish restaurant just next to the Christmas Market.

Travelling back can be done individually. Don't choose a fast or direct train (ICE from Stuttgart) to Zurich HB (high surcharge for a very short distance).

The purchase of the best international railway ticket is a very tricky affair. **Please buy a return ticket to Schaffhausen ONLY.**

Costs: CHF 24.20 with ½ Tax Abo. I will be the one to purchase the remaining section Schaffhausen – Singen directly with a separate ticket (a so called OTV-VHB Kombi Tageskarte, costs CHF10.80 with ½ Tax Abo).

So, the total cost for the train ride ends up with CHF 35.00.

As you know, the Deutsche Bahn (DB) is not as reliable as SBB. Should severe problems occur with the train ride between Schaffhausen and Singen (delay, cancelled trains), we have car drivers who will bring "stranded" members back to the right place.

Please register with Jürg latest by November 26, phone 079 580 10 81 or e-mail ALL details to info@escz.ch.

Specify whether you start your itinerary in Zürich HB, or elsewhere – or you even come by car. A no show policy applies for the train ticket Schaffhausen-Singen. Don't forget to take your passport or ID with you.

December 13
18.00 h
**Register
Saturday**

Christmas Dinner 2025

The Christmas Dinner - THE event which usually concludes the end of the year. We meet at the following coordinates:



47 degrees north 22 minutes 1 second

8 degrees east 29 minutes 37 seconds



Hä? Probably, that's of no use for you. But you see from another perspective where the restaurant Oberes Triemli is located – this is our “almost Stammbeiz” which we select every time in December for our best feast and fun of the year.

Please find further information on the Invitation form which you will soon get by post.

December 30

Register with Heinz for Fondue Event

January 7
18.30 h

**Register
Wednesday!!**



Fondue at Restaurant Panoramastube (close to Albisgütli)

Welcome to celebrate a new year, this time at a new location, still easily accessible – a special tip from Rolf! We start with an (offered) apéro and then we will have our traditional cheese fondue with bread or potatoes. If you are still hungry afterwards, there is a small choice of desserts, like Vermicelle, etc. on an individual basis. The price of the Fondue is very reasonable: CHF 24.- and this in Zurich – panorama view over the town included!!

For more details see www.panorama-stube.ch

Meeting point: Panoramastube, Uetlibergstrasse 331, CH-8045 Zurich

How to get there: Tram 13 / Bus 32 (could change, please check!) direction Albisgütli, get off at Strassenverkehrsamt. Then walk towards Schiessanlage (shooting range), it's not the restaurant Albisgütli.

Register with Heinz, not later than **by December 30**

(H: 044 780 19 45, O: 044 784 85 87, or E-Mail (preferred)

hvifian@bluewin.ch

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

January 15

Register with Sonja for Youth Hostel Wollishofen

January 20
14.50 h

Register

Youth Hostel Wollishofen

It's passed, that a teacher in Germany had more than 100 years ago the excellent idea of a low-priced and simple hostel as shelter for young people, youth groups and school classes - and



he was able to realise his vision. The march around the world could begin!

We have the chance to get an English guided tour at and through the Youth Hostel Wollishofen, combined with a coffee break on site, sponsored by Sonja. Have you ever stayed in a Youth Hostel? Then join and see, what has changed in all the past years! If you have never slept in a Youth Hostel, join to see what you missed! This event is FREE of charge!

Meeting place: Bus stop ‚Jugendherberge‘, reachable by Bus 66 and 72 (could change, please check!). Please register as early as possible with Sonja via sonita@sunrise.ch or by phone **044 302 45 47** (preferably in the evening).

January 27
19.00 h

Playing board and card games



Any of you still fancy gaming offline at a table as people used to do before the internet and online games were invented? Then this is **your** event, coming to the restaurant

Werdguet (directions see below) to enjoy games such as scrabble, rummicub, skip bo or connections just to name a few. Feel free to bring along your personal games. Guests and visitors are very welcome to this event. You can stay as long as you like. It is up to you whether you just order a drink in the restaurant or choose from the menu card.

For any questions, contact Barbara on mobile 079 582 19 48 or by e-mail to merk.barbara@gmail.com

For various events like slide shows, lectures, the AGM or the so-called “Open House” events on the last Tuesday of the month, we meet as usual at the

Restaurant Werdguet, Morgartenstrasse 30, 8004 Zurich.

How to get there: The restaurant Werdguet can be difficult to find. Those coming for the first time are recommended to take tram 9 or 14 to Bahnhof Wiedikon. Cross the street so that you are on the opposite side to the Wiedikon station entrance. Then walk back down Birmensdorferstrasse towards Stauffacher until you see Morgartenstrasse on the right hand side. Walk down Morgartenstrasse and you will see the restaurant Werdguet on the left hand side at the first corner. www.werdguet.ch

Upcoming Club events in 2026

February 10 Annual General Meeting 2026

March 3 Slide Show Madagascar and Masoala at the Werdguet