



JURA-ROUTE



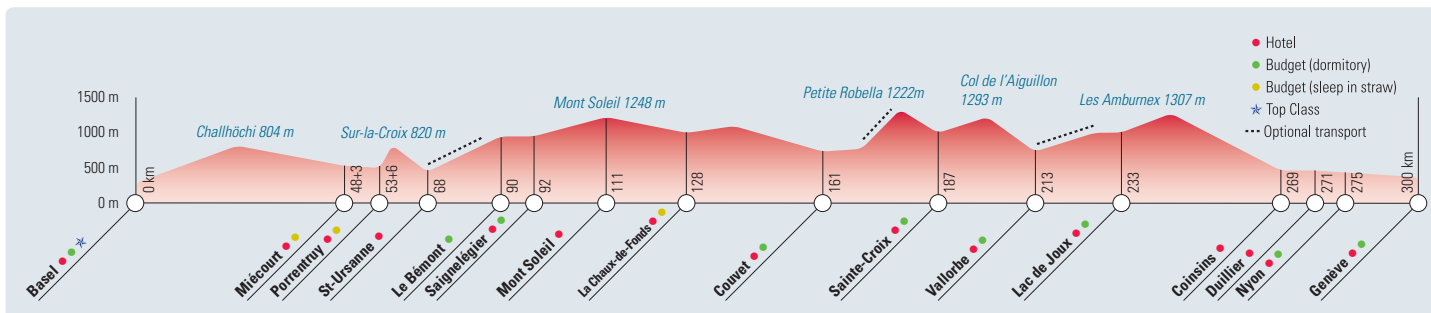
Balcon du Jura vaudois with Lake of Neuchâtel



- ★ «THE GRANARY» OF THE AJOIE REGION
- ★ THE DOUBS VALLEY AND ST. URSANNE
- ★ **FREIBERGE REGION**
FREIBERG HORSE COUNTRY
- ★ **WIND & SOLAR ENERGY PRODUCTION**
ON MOUNT SOLEIL
- ★ **WATCH VALLEY**
HOME OF SWISS LUXURY WATCHES
- ★ **THE JURA BALCONY**
A PANORAMIC STRETCH OF SUPERLATIVE QUALITY
- ★ **ENCHANTING LAC DE JOUX**
- ★ **WINEGROWING ALONG LAKE GENEVA**



ELEVATION PROFILE AND ROUTE STAGES



CHARACTER

The Jura region stretches its wave-like features all the way from Basel to Lake Geneva; enigmatic landscapes off the beaten track captivate every traveller. Whenever you think of the Jura you think of bright pine forests, solitary high plateaus, neighing horses, sensational views and luxury watchmakers... Jura is the granary of the Ajoie, the Doubs valley with its precious St. Ursanne, La Chaux-de-Fonds with its checkerboard pattern of streets, the busy valley of Val de Travers, the caves of Vallorbe, enchanting Lac de Joux, the world of luxury watches in «Watch Valley» and finally the magnificent vineyards clinging to the slopes of Lake Geneva. This is an exciting route – not without a climb or two, but if you make use of the train transfer possibilities you can enjoy this route almost without sweat!

ROUTE

BASEL - PORRENTROY (MIÉCOURT)

52 km

This is a veritable «border tour»; firstly with neighbouring France, and then within 30 kilometers it crosses over 5 cantonal borders! Fertile soil with fruit and vegetable growing characterise the Leimental while the ride along the wooded River Lützel can only be described as romantic.

PORRENTROY - SAIGNELÉGIÉ 48 km

Get to know the Ajoie region a little before heading off on your first climb of the day followed by an exhilarating ride down into the Doubs Valley and St. Ursanne. The ensuing ascent to the high plateaus of the Franches-Montagnes can be taken over by train transfer if you wish.

SAIGNELÉGIÉ - COUVET 70 km

Horse breeding is the order of the day in this region. Wherever you look, both in winter and summer, you'll see masses of brown Freiberg horses grazing in the vast open meadows scattered with gigantic pine trees. A gentle climb up to the Mont Soleil vantage point before heading down into the checkerboard pattern of streets in the watchmaking town of La Chaux-de-Fonds is still in store before you reach the distinctive charm of the high moorland around Les Pont-de-Martel.

COUVET - STE-CROIX 26 km

A nice level start to the day through delightful Val-de-Travers before being confronted with a number of challenging climbs. The first can be completed the easy way by taking the chairlift from Buttes. Highlight of the day is the «balcony of the Jura» – a breathtaking panoramic trail high over the plains of Switzerland and in view of the snowcovered peaks of the Alps

STE-CROIX - VALLÉE DE JOUX (LES BIOUS, LE SENTIER, L'ABBAYE)

52 km

Today a panoramic stretch awaits you – peppered with sweeping descents, maybe a visit to the Vallorbe caves and a final climb up to the magical Lac de Joux. The climb can also be avoided by taking the train from Vallorbe up to Lac de Joux.

VALLÉE DE JOUX - NYON / COINSINS

46 km

Lac de Joux and the surrounding «jungle» of Grand Risoux is a jewel in the crown as far as Jura scenery goes. And then it's onward and upward again; A 300 metre high gain towards Col du Marchairuz where the ride through the lonely high moorland restores your soul and fills you with indelible impressions. The ride down from 1280 meters above sea level to Lake Geneva is pure joy!

NYON - GENÈVE 25 km

(only Options Power and Budget)

The pretty little town and promenade along the town walls, the Vieilles Murailles, in Nyon, the varied route across fields, through villages and vineyards and finally the end destination in the international metropolis of Geneva make up the highlights of this final stage.

SEASON 2009

15.04.-15.10.2009 (daily service)



Freiberge



SwissTrails

Take a break

Why not spend a rest day and stay for 2 nights at the same place?

We recommend:

Couvet
Hotel de l'Aigle (***)

Lac de Joux
Hotel de Ville, L'Abbaye (***)

Genève
Hotel des Horlogers (***)

À la Carte

Plan your own individual bike tour: the entire route from Basel to Geneva as well as all the stage destinations listed in the «elevation profile» are available to you with SwissTrails à la carte. You can choose the duration of the trip as well as the start and end destinations and accommodation (hotel and budget).

Pricelist see pages 48 / 49.

RATES 2009 (in CHF / Euro, per Person, incl. VAT.)

OPTIONS	START AND FINISH	DAYS / NIGHTS	OVERNIGHTS	DIST.	BASIC RATES HOTEL	BASIC RATES BUDGET	RENT A BIKE	FLYER
A Relax	Basel - Nyon	6 / 5	Ajoie - Saignelégier - Couvet - Sainte-Croix - Lac de Joux	294	CHF 785 / € 503	CHF 550 / € 352	CHF 130 / € 84	CHF 224 / € 144
B Relax	Saignelégier - Nyon	4 / 3	Couvet - Sainte-Croix - Lac de Joux	194	CHF 509 / € 326	CHF 367 / € 236	CHF 98 / € 63	CHF 160 / € 103
C Power	Basel - Genf	4 / 3	St-Ursanne - Couvet - Lac de Joux	319	CHF 509 / € 326	CHF 367 / € 236	CHF 98 / € 63	CHF 160 / € 103

* Included in the price: supplements / reductions see page 5. All other options see SwissTrails à la Carte, pages 48 / 49.

Additional night possible at start and end destination and all stage destinations / Top Class: top class hotel (usually *****) at selected stage destinations (see Elevation Profile)