Einstein in Switzerland

THE SCIENTIST, THE SCENERY, AND THE SYNCHROTRON

JULY 22–28, 2013

An exclusive Yale travel program designed by Einstein expert A. DOUGLAS STONE, Carl A. Morse Professor of Applied Physics
Dear Yale Traveler,

A L B E R T  E I N S T E I N, the iconic genius of modern physics, emigrated from Germany to Switzerland in 1895 at age seventeen and lived there as a student, patent officer, and professor until 1913. This period included his “miracle year,” 1905, when he developed his theory of relativity and planted the seeds of modern atomic theory. Along with fellow Yale alumni, join world-renowned Einstein scholar Prof. A. Douglas Stone to explore this fascinating chapter in Einstein’s life. Trace his career from the picturesque city of Zurich, dotted with chocolate shops, where he studied at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, to Bern, with its UNESCO World Heritage-designated Old Town, where he worked at the Swiss Patent Office and was a member of the Olympia Academy, a small group of bohemian friends who played a significant role in Einstein’s intellectual development. End in Geneva with a visit to CERN, the largest particle physics accelerator (synchrotron) in the world and site of the recent discovery of the elusive Higgs boson. A two-night post-trip extension in the charming French alpine town of Saint Gervais is also available.

Professor Stone’s extensive background in physics, personal contacts within the CERN community in Geneva, and in-depth knowledge of Einstein’s life and legacy were instrumental in designing this fascinating exploration of the life and times of perhaps the 20th-century’s most influential thinker. This unique itinerary is limited to 34 participants, so please complete the attached reservation form and mail or fax it to Yale Educational Travel as soon as possible. You may also make a secure reservation at www.YaleEducationalTravel.org/Einstein13. If you have questions, please call (203) 432-1952 or email edtravel@yale.edu.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Edersheim ’87
Senior Director, International Alumni Relations & Travel
Association of Yale Alumni
Itinerary

**MONDAY–TUESDAY, JULY 22–23**
Home / Zurich, Switzerland
Depart home on an overnight flight to Zurich. Upon arrival, check in to the hotel. Take a leisurely boat ride on the Lemmat River, followed by a welcome orientation and reception and a presentation by Professor Stone on Einstein’s early years.

**HOTEL GLOCKENHOF (R)**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 24**
Zurich
Enjoy a specially arranged tour of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, a globally top-ranked university for engineering, science, and technology where Einstein studied from 1896 to 1901. Stop by Café Metropol, one of Einstein’s haunts, and after lunch at La Terrasse, take an optional hike on Zurichberg Mountain, where Einstein once trekked.

**HOTEL GLOCKENHOF (B,L)**

**THURSDAY, JULY 25**
Bern
Travel to Bern for a tour of the Einstein house and the Einstein exhibit at the Bern Museum. Also visit the Swiss Patent Office building, now occupied by Swisscom, where Einstein worked from 1902 to 1909. Enjoy some time for independent exploration before dinner.

**HOTEL ALLEGRO (B,L,D)**

**FRIDAY, JULY 26**
Geneva
This morning travel to Geneva, stopping for a traditional fondue lunch in Gruyères. En route visit Chillon Castle, an architectural jewel on the eastern shore of Lake Leman that has inspired artists and writers for centuries.

**HOTEL REX (B,L)**

**SATURDAY, JULY 27**
Geneva
Enjoy a fascinating tour of CERN, currently the world’s largest particle accelerator and birthplace of the World Wide Web. Research activities at CERN recently resulted in the possible discovery of the elusive Higgs boson on July 4, 2012. This evening celebrate your adventure at a festive farewell dinner featuring Swiss specialties.

**HOTEL REX (B,L,D)**

**SUNDAY, JULY 28**
Geneva / Home
Transfer to the airport for flights home or begin the two-night post-trip extension to the French Alps.

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**Study Leader**

**A. DOUGLAS STONE** is the Carl A. Morse Professor of Applied Physics and Physics at Yale. He is a theoretical physicist whose research focuses on solid state and optical physics. His ground-breaking work on “mesoscopic” quantum physics has been critical to understanding physical phenomena at the nanoscale; more recently he has focused on laser physics, where he has developed four patented inventions, including a device for perfectly absorbing electromagnetic radiation, known as “the anti-laser.” He is a Fellow of the American Physical Society and of the Optical Society of America. 

Professor Stone has an undergraduate degree from Harvard, a master's degree from Balliol College, Oxford, where he studied as a Rhodes Scholar, and a PhD from MIT. He has published historical articles and lectured widely on Einstein and his science. His book, *Einstein and the Quantum: The Quest of the Valiant Swabian*, is scheduled for publication in 2013 (Princeton University Press).
Optional Post-tour Extension
to the French Alps

Enjoy a relaxing two-night post-tour extension in the beautiful French Alps. From Geneva, drive to Chamonix and take a breathtaking cable car ride to the summit of Aiguille du Midi for panoramic viewing of the Mont Blanc massif. Continue to Saint Gervais, a picturesque Alpine town full of charming historical buildings, for a day of leisure.

Extension price: $1,290 per person, double occupancy; $1,590 per person, single occupancy.

Program Rates
(per person)

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**AIRFARE**

U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program cost. Round-trip, economy-class airfare from New York to Zurich with return from Geneva is approximately $1,300 per person as of October 2012 and is subject to change without notice. In order to give you as much flexibility as possible with the variety of air travel options, you are free to make your own air arrangements for this program.

**PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE**

All accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary

All excursions as specified in the itinerary

Full program of briefings, lectures, and presentations

Scheduled group arrival and departure transfers by motorcoach

Baggage handling

Gratuities to porters, wait staff, guides, and drivers

Entrance fees

Welcome and farewell wine receptions

Bottled water on motorcoaches

Professional tour manager throughout the program

**WHAT TO EXPECT**

Participants must be in active good health and able to keep up with group activities without assistance. In order to fully benefit from the program, flexibility, an open mind, and the enjoyment of traveling with others is essential.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE**

U.S. domestic and international airfare

Passport/visa expenses

Medical expenses and immunizations

Private airport transfers

Travel insurance

Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour

Excess baggage charges

Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals

Liquor or soft drinks

Laundry or dry cleaning

Telephone, email, and fax charges

Room service

Other items of a personal nature

**INSURANCE**

Travel insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, medical problems, baggage loss and delay, etc., is highly recommended, and we hope that you will obtain it for this expedition. Trip cancellation policies that apply to this expedition are included in this brochure. Please be sure to carry the details of your travel insurance coverage with you on the program. Travelers are free to purchase the travel insurance of their choice. It is recommended that travelers clearly understand the difference between “primary” and “secondary” travel insurance.

**GROUP SIZE**

This program is limited to 34 participants.

**TERMS & CONDITIONS**

**RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS**

To reserve space, please complete the reservation form and mail it with your check or credit card information to the address at the top of the form. You may also fax the form to (203) 432-0587 and your reservation will be held for five working days pending receipt of your check or credit card information. If you have questions, please call (203) 432-1952 or email edtravel@yale.edu. Final payment deadline is March 25, 2013, 120 days before departure.

**CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS**

Upon payment of a $1,000 deposit per person, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be effective until they are received in writing and confirmed by the Association of Yale Alumni. Deposits are refundable (less a $250 per person administration fee) if written notice of cancellation is received within 30 days of reservation; after that, deposits are 100% nonrefundable. Final payment is due March 25, 2013, 120 days prior to departure. Cancellations within 120 days of departure are 100% nonrefundable. For this reason we strongly urge participants to purchase trip cancellation insurance. If the program is cancelled by the Association of Yale Alumni or the tour operator, you...
Reservation Form  **EINSTEIN IN SWITZERLAND  JULY 22–28, 2013**

To reserve today, fax this reservation form to Yale Educational Travel at (203) 432-0587 to hold your space for one week, pending receipt of your deposit or credit card instructions. Please make your deposit check payable to Criterion Travel and mail it with this registration form to: Association of Yale Alumni, Box 209010, New Haven, CT 06520-9010. You can also make a secure reservation at [www.YaleEdTravel.org/einstein13](http://www.YaleEdTravel.org/einstein13).

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**NAME #1** (as it appears on passport)            **YALE AFFILIATION(S)**

**NAME #2** (as it appears on passport)            **YALE AFFILIATION(S)**

**STREET ADDRESS**  **CITY / STATE / ZIP / POSTAL CODE**

**HOME PHONE**  **WORK PHONE**

**FAX**  **E-MAIL**

**PAYMENT INFORMATION**
Enclosed is my check for $ _____________ ($1,000 per person), to hold ______ place(s) on **Einstein in Switzerland**.

OR
Charge deposit to my credit card: □ MC  □ VISA  □ AmEx  □ Diners Club  □ Discover

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**NAME ON CREDIT CARD**

**CREDIT CARD NUMBER**

**EXP. DATE**

**SECURITY CODE**

**SIGNATURE AS IT APPEARS ON CREDIT CARD**

**DATE**

- □ I/*We understand that final payment is due 120 days prior to departure.
- □ I prefer to have single accommodations.
- □ I plan to share accommodations with: ___________________________________
- □ I’d like to know about roommates. I am a  □ Non-Smoker  □ Smoker.
I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of March 25, 2013, I will pay the single rate.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:**
Bed preference in hotels (not guaranteed): □ King/Queen  □ Twins

□ I/*We have read the Terms and Conditions section of this brochure and understand and agree with them as stated herein.

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Join Prof. A. Douglas Stone in Switzerland this summer to be awed by the fascinating genius Albert Einstein and the beautiful country that inspired him.

Highlights

- Visit EINSTEIN’S HAUNTS IN ZURICH, including the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, his alma mater, for a glimpse of 21st-century physics labs.

- See EINSTEIN’S HOME IN BERN’s well-preserved Old Town, and the building that once housed the Swiss Patent Office, described by Einstein as “that secular cloister where I hatched my most beautiful ideas.”

- Enjoy a guided tour of the Einstein exhibit, depicting his life and times, in the BERN HISTORY MUSEUM.

- In Geneva, tour CERN, THE WORLD’S LARGEST PARTICLE ACCELERATOR and the birthplace of the World Wide Web, and learn about the ATLAS detector, which discovered the Higgs particle, from a Yale scientist involved in the project.

- Take an OPTIONAL HIKE along the same paths on ZURICHBERG MOUNTAIN where Einstein tramped.

- Enjoy the atmosphere of CAFÉS AND RESTAURANTS so familiar to the young Einstein and his friends.

- Explore CHILLON, A MEDIEVAL CASTLE rising from the shores of Lake Leman and popularized by Lord Byron’s poem The Prisoner of Chillon.