

Trip to Switzerland and Germany – August 2010
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My friend Judy Stanton and I arrived in Zurich Sunday August 8 and joined the Globus tour at that time. We were able to visit Zurich, Liechtenstein (one of the smallest independent countries in the world) , Saint Moritz, Lake Como (did not see George), Zermatt (a lot like Mammoth or Vail) where the Matterhorn shows itself gracefully, Lugano (the Italy part of Switzerland), the Gruyere portion (the French section) , the capital Bern and Lucerne. Switzerland is a beautiful country with huge mountains and lovely valleys and farmlands. Lots and lots of lakes. The weather was acceptable for touring – not too hot not too cold. While in Lucerne, we were able to go to a place where we walked inside a glacier! Then we had six days on our own. We spent two days in a small city where my company is headquartered so I was able to meet and greet many of the people I email and speak with on the phone. We spent the last four days in Berlin where our exchange student from Azusa High, Till Huhns, was our tour guide. While in Berlin we also were able to have dinner with Joel and Geri Dethlefs which was a great event. We went to Potsdam to visit Sans Souci which is a fairytale-like type of castle and gardens – could have stayed there all day! The last day in Berlin we spent on Till's sailboat which was very relaxing. I had no idea that Berlin was surrounded by lakes! We arrived at LAX on August 21 having had a very long day and flight. What a wonderful time – I would recommend Switzerland to all. Berlin was a nice surprise – four days there were not enough.



Outside Zurich



Lake Lugano



City of Zermatt



Bern



The famous wooden bridge in Lucerne



Zurich from Lake Zurich



The Berlin Wall



Berliner Dome



Sans Souci – One of the gardens



Joel & Geri Dethlefs and Till Huhns (standing)