



# Carrefour European du Patchwork Show & Amish History Tour

## Itinerary

### **DAY 1**

Arrive Zurich and transfer to Appenzell. Welcome dinner.

### **DAY 2**

St Gallen-Steckborn - we visit Baroque Cathedral with the Abbey Library which houses over 140.00 documents – part hand written and over a thousand years old. In the Middle Ages convent workers at the Abbey wove linen cloth which soon achieved world-wide acclaim. We will have a guided tour of the Textile Museum.

Next will be the lakeside village of Steckborn, for a visit to Bernina Creative Centre.

### **DAY 3**

Titisee-St Hippolyte – we move onto Schleithem the location where in 1527 the first Anabaptists Confession of faith was written. The local museum has an exhibition devoted to the Anabaptists history.

Then into Titisee in Germany the heart of the Black Forest region. Lunch will be at a traditional Black Forest Inn where I am sure you will want to try the famous Black Forest cake. Our scenic drive continues to the Rhine river valley and onto the Alsace region of France.

### **DAY 4, 5, & 6**

Carrefour European du Patchwork Shows & Amish History- 3 full days at the “Carrefour European du Patchwork” where you will see quilts and patchwork art from Europe and around the globe, shop at the villages where 150 international vendors will offer their latest fabric and quilting accessories. On a guided tour we will learn the history of the Anabaptists and Amish movement that was founded here by Jacob Amman in 1693.

### **DAY 7**

Bern-Thun – a scenic drive takes us through river valleys and the hills of the Jura Mountains to Bern Switzerland. The Anabaptists obtained a foothold in Bern. We will learn much more during a guided tour of the city.

### **DAY 8**

Thun-Alpine excursion - today we head for Riggisberg where we visit the Abegg Foundation to view works of pictorial and applied arts from ancient times a special textile exhibit. Visit Erlenbach the birth place of Jacob Amman. Take a Gondola to Stockhorn.

### **DAY 9**

Emmental Bern-the original home of many Mennonites of South Germany who emigrated to North America in 18th & 19th centuries. We will follow their roots, we will see where Anabaptists were tortured and hung. Our tour continues onto Sumiswald for lunch, a visit to the home of Anabaptist martyr Hans Haslibacher where his descendants still live to this day. Then on to Zurich.

### **DAY 10**

Zurich - our last day we will have a city tour of the largest city in Switzerland to learn history, its heritage and its cosmopolitan Bahnhofstrasse the glitzy shopping district of the world. Farewell dinner.

### **DAY 11**

Zurich – London this morning we transfer to the airport for our flight to Heathrow.