

# SWISS ENCOUNTER ZONES

2 Day study trip to the shared surface  
'encounter' zones of Switzerland



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## ZONE



### Bienne, Zentralplatz



28<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> April 2010

### Concern for people who are blind or only have partial sight

A key element of the current debate about shared space and shared surfaces concerns the plight of blind people and those with partial sight. One question has to be answered. How can we rely on drivers to act responsibly and respect pedestrians? More importantly, how can we be sure that white van man and his kin will really give way to blind people?

### Do the Swiss have an answer?

We feel that the Swiss have experience that is worth considering? Their "encounter" zones are similar to our home zones in that drivers are legally required to give way to pedestrians regardless of their disabilities. The difference is that the zones are put in place in urban and commercial areas as well as residential areas.

### What we will see in Switzerland

The trip to Switzerland will study four encounter zones in commercial or retail areas not far from the capital Bern. We will meet the technical experts who were responsible for them, as well as representatives of local pedestrian and disability groups. Traffic data and accident records will be available.

### We will stop overnight in Bern

This will be a technical study trip, but the overnight stop at Bern also will give delegates the opportunity to see at first hand how the historic city centre has been transformed into a pedestrian friendly venue.

### INTINERY: An efficient two day trip

**Day 1:** We meet at 11.30am at Basel airport. Delegates make their own way there. We will take the Easyjet flight from Gatwick. From Basel airport we go by coach direct to the sites.

**Sites: Grenchen & Bienne**, outstanding examples of shared space. That evening we go on to Bern and stay overnight at a city centre hotel.

**Day 2:** The following morning after breakfast at the hotel and an opportunity to see Bern. We join the coach for study sites.

**Sites: Burgdorf & Solothurn**, small commercial centres with shared surfaces. Solothurn has a well respected historic central area.

Finally the coach takes us back to Basel airport for flights to UK. The Easyjet flight back to Gatwick departs at 9.10pm.

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## Burgdorf



**PRICE**            **£ 400**

### Price includes

All Swiss transport, hotel, evening meal and breakfast.

### Price does not include

UK transfers to airport of your choice, flights to Basel, insurance, spending money (Swiss francs for lunches and snacks during the day). We would expect this to be about £110

**Easyjet flights**            **OUT: £29.99**    **RETURN: £21.99**

## Solothurn



## BOOKING

Reserve your place by phone or email

Email: [publicrealmprrian@aol.com](mailto:publicrealmprrian@aol.com)

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Please do contact us if you have any queries.

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### Cancellation & Details

Please note cancellation charges will apply following firm bookings. Flights are to be booked by delegates. Please notify us if you have any requirements that you think we, the hotel or coach company will need to know about.

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