Our „Skill of a craftsman“ package lets you explore the open-air museum’s workshops and put your dexterity to the test with a virtually forgotten craft: straw plaiting.

Guided tour: Crafts up-close
Join our guides as they introduce you to a variety of crafts, some almost forgotten and some still indispensable to this day. A visit to the open-air museum’s various workshops reveals how traditions survive and how those skills can be harnessed in new ways today. Watch our artisans at work and marvel at their ability and skill.

Workshop: Straw plaiting
Get an insight into the history of straw plaiting and learn how to make a variety of different products. You can then take your straw masterpiece home with you as a souvenir of a memorable day at the museum.

Food: Swiss cuisine and regional specialities
During your visit to the open-air museum, you’ll also be well catered for. Treat yourself to a bite to eat at one of our tasting sessions and sample some regional produce or home-made specialities from the area. At lunch you’ll be treated to a delicious menu in our restaurants.
Sample itinerary
10:00 am  Meet at the Swiss Open-Air Museum
10:15 am  Start of tour including tasting session
12:15 pm  Lunch in one of our Ballenberg inns
02:00 pm  Workshop
           Straw plaiting
04:30 pm  Departure

Straw plaiting
This craft was practised in the home in the 17th and 18th centuries, primarily as a sideline to agriculture. During the unproductive winter months, the whole family gathered in the warm living area to plait the straw into strips, which were then sewn together to make straw hats.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Menu of choice
Select an option for your group from the menus A, B and C.

Carriages
Our carriages can transport up to 22 people. We recommend a reservation for groups.

Flat rate per carriage (excluding entry)
140.– for 30 minutes
250.– for 60 minutes

Other packages
Would you like to experience even more, perhaps by trying your hand at a workshop? Then our all-day packages for groups are just what you’re looking for!

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MENU OF CHOICE

Fresh mixed leaf salad with homemade salad dressing (French)

MENU A
Alpine macaroni with bacon, roasted onions and apple sauce
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MENU B
Chicken with lemon sauce and jasmine rice
Nasi goreng with carrots, leeks, onions and celery

MENU C
Swiss beef stew with diced vegetables and mashed potatoes
Vegetable medallions with homemade tomato coulis
The spacious grounds of Switzerland’s only Open-Air Museum are located above Brienz, in the heart of the Bernese Oberland.

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

The Open-Air Museum can be reached easily using public transport, either via Interlaken – Brienz (West entrance) or Lucerne – Brünig (East entrance). There is a bus service (PostAuto) to both entrances from Brienz train station or the Brünig Pass.

www.sbb.ch/railaway

**BY CAR / BUS**

Follow the signs from Brienz, Meiringen or the Brünig Pass to «Ballenberg West» (3858 Hofstetten) or «Ballenberg Ost» (3856 Brienzwiler).