Explore the buildings and grounds of the Swiss Open-Air Museum Ballenberg with our colleagues. Our guided tours shine a light on a variety of themes, including architecture, rural life and industries, crafts and customs. Discover the museum in the company of our knowledgeable, expert guides.

**Themed tours**

We’d be happy to accompany you and your group around the buildings and grounds of the Swiss Open-air Museum. Our tours focus on a variety of different themes. A short description of each theme can be found on the next page. Terms and conditions (see the box on the right) are the same for each theme.

**Short of time?**

Want to explore the museum with a guide but short of time? A shortened version of our general Ballenberg tour lasting 60 minutes is available for a cost of CHF 18 per person, excluding the museum entry charge [group size: 15 maximum 20 people per guide/CHF 270 flat fee for small groups under 15 people]. The other themed tours run for 120 minutes and are not available in a shortened version.

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**DURATION**
120 minutes

**LANGUAGES**
EN / DE / FR / IT / E
(other languages on request)

**THEMES**
- General Ballenberg tour
- Alpine farming
- Architecture
- Crafts
- Healing herbs

**TOUR**
20.70 per person, excluding entry charge

**GROUP SIZE**
15 to a maximum of 20 people per guide

**SMALL GROUPS**
Groups under 15 people pay a flat fee of 310.50, excluding entry charges

**ADMISSION**
Adults 21.– / Children 10.50

2022 season:
14/04/2022 – 30/10/2022
Daily from 10 am to 5 pm

These prices apply for tour operators. All prices are in CHF including VAT. The prices apply for groups of ten people or more. Children’s prices apply from 6th to 16th birthday. No further discounts are available. Prices and programmes are subject to change.
Ballenberg Tour
Get a closer look: this tour introduces you to working and everyday life in rural Switzerland.
Take a peek inside living quarters and bedrooms, experience a typical day for a family in times past, see what’s growing in the vegetable garden, and find out more about the crafts of our ancestors and their ingenuity in the face of scarce resources.

Alpine farming
An idyllic miniature Alpine world: ever since Heidi, the Swiss Alps have been synonymous the world over with unique natural beauty, tranquillity and fortitude.

However, life in the Alps wasn’t always so idyllic. Our guides will immerse you in the world of the Alps, where they’ll introduce you to the light and dark side of Alpine life and explain how it varied from region to region.

Architecture
The architecture of rural Switzerland is extremely diverse.

At the Swiss Open-Air Museum, you can explore over 100 buildings from every region of Switzerland. Our guides put the regional buildings in their social, historical and economic context and describe the many small details that had a major impact on Alpine life.

Crafts
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 skills.

Healing herbs
Gain a fascinating insight into the effects of healing herbs, how they were once used and how they are still used today. Take a wander through the open-air museum’s herb garden and explore the historical pharmacy.

Our museum pharmacists have an encyclopaedic knowledge of garden and kitchen herbs, as well as how to prepare and use them. Ask them anything!
Gastronomy
Want to combine your visit to the Swiss Open-Air Museum with a bite to eat? We would be happy to reserve you a table and prepare a fitting menu for you on request at one of the museum’s food outlets.
ballenberg.ch/en/gastronomy

Packages
Get active!
Our packages promise you an unforgettable day at the museum. Enjoy a guided tour, craft workshop and culinary treats all at a great price.
ballenberg.ch/en/packages

ACCESS

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).