

JAUN

AT THE FOOT OF THE GASTLOSEN

Jaun, with its district Im Fang, is the only German-speaking municipality in La Gruyère. It is situated on the road that goes over the Jaun Pass to the Simmental in the Bernese Oberland. Many of the approximately 700 inhabitants speak the specific Jaun Valley Swiss German dialect. The waterfall in the centre of the village and the vicinity of the Old Church are situated in a force field with a remarkable amount of positive energy. The Old Church is now a concert hall and houses the Cantorama Museum, the home of Fribourg choral music (open July/August, Sundays from 2.00 to 5.00 pm). The cemetery of the Catholic Church, with its hand-carved wooden crosses, is worth a visit. Jaun is surrounded by majestic mountain peaks such as the Gastlosen mountain range and offers unspoiled nature and wonderful leisure activities. The Gastlosen Express brings hikers to the Alpine tavern. This is where the Gastlosen tour starts with rest stops in the legendary mountain restaurant Chalet du Soldat

and the family-friendly Alpine tavern Chalet Grat. The Gastlosen mountain range, with over 800 routes, is a first-rate destination for climbers. The well-known mountaineer Erhard Loretan climbed here, virtually on the doorstep. Walkers have also come to the right place here: A panoramic path leads from the top station to the vantage point with a view of the Gastlosen. The spectacular "Grossmutterloch", a 15-metre high and five-metre wide window in the rock, is legendary. The one and a half hour detective trail and the Gastlosen geological path are enjoyable activities for families. In winter, Jaun is a family-friendly skiing area and offers magnificent routes for ski- and snowshoeing tours. The cross-country ski runs are among those in the region with a virtual guarantee for snow and the six-kilometre long sledge run is renowned far and wide. www.la-gruyere.ch/jaun



PACKAGE



La Gruyère Passport: This package is the most cost-efficient way of discovering the region. Two nights starting from CHF 175.- are bookable together with public transport (the Gastlosen Express as well) and vouchers for tourist visits, including Gruyères Castle and the HR Giger Museum in the small town of Gruyères, as well as Maison Cailler, the Swiss Chocolate Factory, or La Maison du Gruyère, demonstration cheese-dairy. Tel. +41(0)848 42 44 24, www.la-gruyere.ch/passport

A HIKING TRAIL



Gastlosen: The Gastlosen circular route is regarded by many as the best mountain hiking trail in the canton of Fribourg. The trail takes five hours at an altitude of 855 metres from/to the Gastlosen Express chair lift station. The Gastlosen Express runs daily. You can also rent a scooter for the six-kilometre descent to Jaun. Information about the mountain restaurants on the route is available at www.brghs.ch, www.chaletdusoldat.ch, www.chaletgrat.ch and www.jaun-bergbahnen.ch.

GEOLOGY



Discover: In three hours, the Gastlosen geological path imparts a lot of fascinating information about this extraordinary mountain range. The starting point is the Gross Rüggli behind Jaun. A brochure and information are available at www.sentier-geologique.ch.

WOODEN CROSSES



Hand carved: The cemetery of the Catholic Church St. Stephen in the centre of Jaun is unique. In 1948, Walter Cottier carved the first cross for his grandfather's grave. The inhabitants of Jaun liked his work and many other wooden crosses were carved. The carvings depict the profession or favourite activities of the deceased, telling the story of their lives, and are carefully protected by a shingle covered wooden roof. The tradition has been continued by Reynold Boschung since the death of the village artist Walter Cottier.

KEY DATES

- 1945 - Inauguration of the mountain restaurant Chalet du Soldat
- 1992 - Cantorama opens
- 2011 - Opening of the chair lift Gastlosen Express
- 2014 - Inauguration of the Jaun sledge run
- 2017 - Renovation of the Hotel Wasserfall-Cascade in Jaun

NUMBERS

- Population 649 inhabitants (Jaun only)
- Language German
- Altitude 1,050 m above sea level