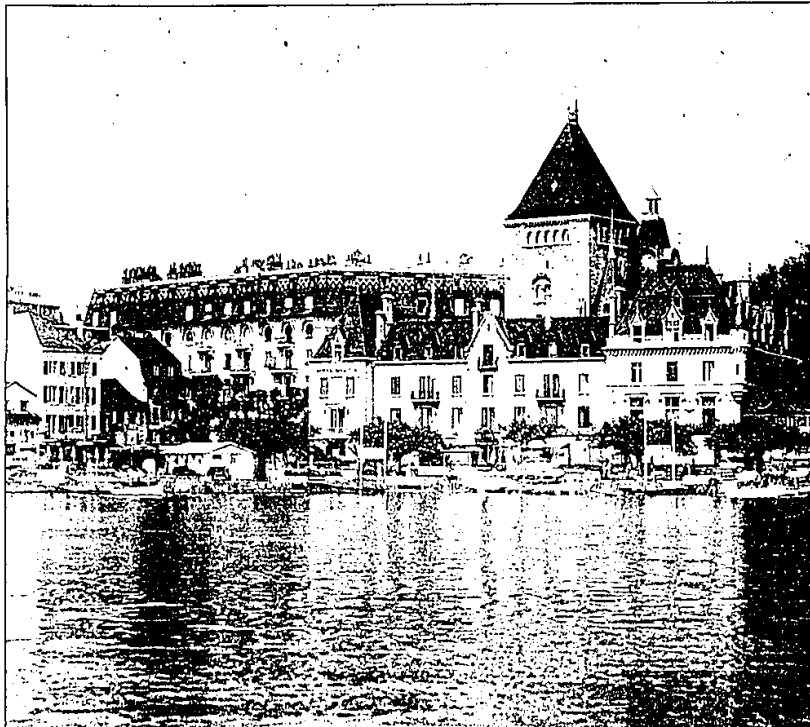


TRAVEL



Lakeside: The castle of Ouchy on Lake Geneva in the lower part of Lausanne, Switzerland has a famous 12th-Century watchtower on its nouveau Gothic structure.

Lausanne: The Olympic City

Swiss sport international HQ

By PAUL HOFFMAN
NEW YORK TIMES SYNDICATE

As top athletes from all continents warm up to compete for gold medals in Barcelona, scores of international sports officials in the lake city of Lausanne, Switzerland, are already at work planning the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta.

The preparation, financing and marketing of the Olympics require an organizational effort comparable to mounting a world's fair or a space program — and it's all done in this pleasant city on the north shore of Lake Geneva.

Lausanne proudly calls itself the Olympic City, displaying in its official logo the five linked rings superimposed on the outline of its 700-year-old cathedral. The headquarters of the International Olympic Committee is in a 19th-century chateau and an adjacent steel-and-glass structure in the western lakeside suburb of Vidy at 9 Route de Vidy (telephone 6216111).

The founder of the Olympic Games of the modern era, the French educator Baron Pierre de Coubertin, is buried at the Montbenoit Cemetery nearby.

Work is in progress on a large new Olympic Museum to house photos, posters, medals, flags and other memorabilia of all Olympic Games, including such artifacts as a bobbed built by Swiss sportsmen for the 1912 Olympics in Stockholm. The museum is to open on June 23, 1993, the 99th anniversary of de Coubertin's call for the first modern Olympics in Athens.

Until then, there is still plenty to see and to do in Lausanne, Switzerland's fifth largest city. Built on five hills, it is a cosmopolitan city with spectacular views of the lake and the snowcapped ranges and peaks of the Swiss Alps across it.

Thousands of students at Lausanne's university, a prestigious hotel school and several private boarding schools help make Lausanne far more vivacious than most Swiss cities and towns.

Lausanne is 28 miles northeast of Geneva and linked with that city by a much-traveled lakeshore road. Direct trains to Lausanne

depart from Geneva Airport every 15 to 30 minutes from early morning to late at night, taking 45 minutes for the trip with a stop at Cornavin Terminal in Geneva.

What to see

The Metro, a combined subway and cog railway, is the fastest way of getting from one tier of the city to another, climbing from the Ouchy section on the lake to the railroad station and further up to the city core in 6 minutes.

An extension leads to the western suburbs. Transfers to the municipal bus and trolley lines are

free within an hour of buying the Metro ticket. The fare is 68 cents for up to three stops, \$1.35 (price) at \$1.57 Swiss francs to the dollar) for longer trips. Children pay 68 cents for any distance. From the Centre Ville (city center) stop an elevator carries passengers up to a pedestrian overpass that leads into the heart of Lausanne.

Walk to your right toward the Place St. Francois. Named after the 15th-century church on its north side, the lively square is, for short, Sainfoie to the Lausanneis.

The imposing post office opposite the church rises on the site of an old house, La Gratie, where Edward Gibson lived from 1783 to

1793, completing his monumental "History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire."

North of Place St. Francois is the Place de la Palud with the Fountain of Justice and the dignified Renaissance facade of the 15th-century City Hall. Photo and art shows are often held in the arcades of City Hall (free admission).

A stairway proceeds to the hill-top Cathedral of Notre Dame. When the Gothic church, with a massive square tower and red-tiled spires, was consecrated in A.D. 1275, a pope, Gregory X, and a king, Rudolf of Hapsburg, were on hand.

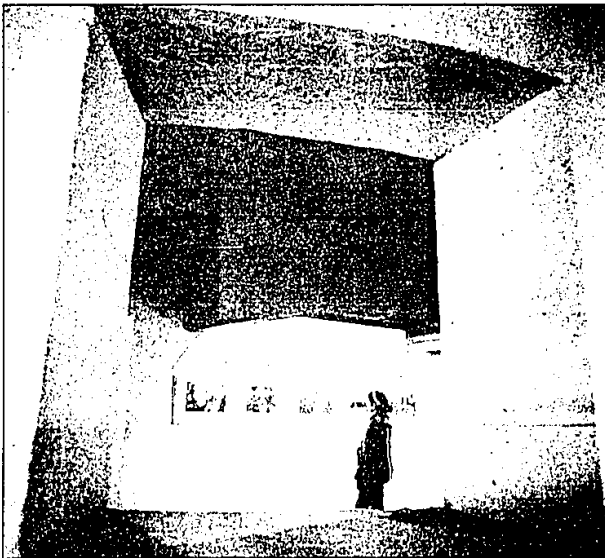


Photo exhibit: The Musée de l'Elysée in Lausanne focuses entirely on photography, some of which is displayed in dramatic contemporary settings.

Link up with Irish, Scottish golf courses

By EVERETT POTTER
SPECIAL WRITER



The game of golf is closely linked to Scotland. Avid American golfers often dream of playing the Old Course at St. Andrews, the birthplace of the game.

But there are more than 400 other courses in Scotland to lure golfers across the Atlantic.

What's more, devotees claim there is nothing like golf in Ireland, where battling a stiff Atlantic wind at a course such as Ballylunion is part of the enjoyment.

"For golfers, it's like going to Mecca," said Gordon Dalgleish, president of PerryGolf, an Atlanta-based company that offers golf holidays to Scotland, Ireland and other overseas destinations.

"It's become a very popular thing to do," said Gary Galyean, publisher of "The Golf Letter," a monthly publication subtitled "The Newsletter of World Golf."

The real attraction is that the golf played in Scotland and Ireland is completely different from what's played over here," said Galyean.

"It's played hard, firm and fast. It's a ground game with low shots that roll to the green. That's because of the nature of the turf and because of the wind, which is relentless."

Anyone who has ever seen a golf course in Ireland, for example, would find it difficult to equate it with the lush, tree-lined fairways of American courses.

Irish courses resemble hilly, grass-covered sand dunes, more suitable for grazing sheep than for hitting and finding a small white ball.

"They're called links courses and they were formed by a retreating sea," said Galyean.

"Therefore, these courses are always beside the ocean, treeless, undulating and on sandy ground. The bunkers were originally holes dug by the sheep to get out of the wind, which is always blowing."

Playing golf overseas was once considered an expensive indulgence. But that's no longer the case. A variety of tour companies have set up affordable programs in which golfers spend a week in either Scotland or Ireland.

They may play five or six different courses and still have time for sightseeing.

"We recognize that people do other things besides golf for four hours a day," said Marc Mink, president of Owenak-Castle Tours of Darien, Conn., which offers golfing trips to Ireland and Scotland.

"About 80 percent of our clients

have us customize their trips, depending on their needs. They may have a non-golfing spouse or want to spend a few days touring."

Owenak-Castle's "Seven Days in Ireland's Southwest" package is offered in conjunction with flights on Aer Lingus.

It includes playing golf at the course at Lahinch, the Old Course at Ballylunion, the Killiney Course in Killarney and the Waterville Golf Club on the scenic Ring of Kerry.

Prices for the trip range from \$890 in off-season (October to April), to \$955 in June and September and \$995 in July and August. Airfare varies, but they range from \$499 to \$699, with departures from New York or Boston to Ireland's Shannon airport.

Owenak-Castle also offers stays at some of Ireland's famed country hotels and castles. Golfers can spend a few nights at Drumoland Castle, for example, the home of Lord Inchiquin, head of the O'Brien clan.

Set among 400 acres of woods and formal gardens, the turreted castle overlooks a lake. There's an 18-hole golf course on the castle grounds and both Lahinch and Ballylunion are within a two-hour drive.

The price per person is \$815. May through September, for a three-night stay (based on double occupancy). This includes a rental car and two rounds of golf. Airfare is extra.

For information contact Owenak-Castle Tours, 3 Parklands Drive, Darien, Conn. 06820 or call (203) 655-2531 or (800) 426-4498.

PerryGolf offers tours to both Ireland and Scotland, but also to up-and-coming European golfing destinations such as Portugal and Spain.

"I think we're looking at an evolution that will occur in the next decade," said Dalgleish of PerryGolf. "By that time, people will have done Scotland and Ireland and be anxious to try other courses."

PerryGolf also offers golfing holidays in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

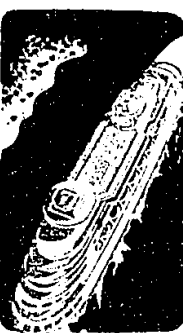
But, for those who have yet to make the pilgrimage to St. Andrews, PerryGolf offers a "Classic Scotland" seven-day itinerary.

Golfers arrive in Glasgow on Sunday and pick up a rental car.

The packages include six nights' accommodation, breakfasts, dinners, green fees and a rental car. Prices range from \$1,675 to \$2,515 (based on double occupancy).

Airfares are sold in conjunction with British Airways and vary depending upon season and departure gateway. For information contact PerryGolf, 8302 Dunwoody Place, Suite 305, Atlanta, Ga. 30350 or call (404) 641-9696 or (800) 344-5257.

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