

SECRET SEMINAR

General Information

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«Secret Seminar» is a seminar of a few days abroad where participants only find out about the travel destination on the day of departure. Your blind date with the world, one of the last great adventures of mankind. In this document you will find some basic information about the organisation of this type of seminar.

Going abroad

We will let you know previously when and where you should be ready for departure (e.g. 18 May 2017, 10 a.m., Zurich Airport, Check-In 3) and when and where you will arrive at the end of the seminar (if everything runs according to plan). It will be possible to get to and from those places by public transport on the same day from Fribourg.

At the meeting point we will tell you in person or by text message how to continue your trip, e.g. for which flight you should check in.

Your Application

Please send your application form with all the necessary documents attached by the application deadline by E-Mail to gerhard.fiolka@unifr.ch. Your application is final as soon as you have received a confirmation. This will also include the topic of your presentation. The data in your application form is necessary for the organisation of your trip and will be used for this purpose only. Passport copies will be deleted after the seminar.

If the minimum number of participants is met and further places are available after the application deadline, further applications can be possible, although maybe at a higher cost (please enquire).

Documents and insurance

You will need ID documents for your trip. The destinations will usually be reachable with a Swiss **Passport**. If you have a different citizenship we will check on application if you can participate.

Please check your insurance before travelling. Unforeseen events such as illness or accident may be extremely costly, insurance coverage («travel assistance») may be useful.

Travel Cost

The Price for the Seminar will include the following costs:

- travel to seminar venue from the meeting point;
- accommodation in a shared double/twin room for the number of nights announced;
- use of the seminar room.

Meals and drinks not mentioned in the seminar announcement and urban public transport are not included.

Air fares usually don't include hold baggage. If you would like to check in baggage, please mention this in your application. The extra cost for that will be approx. 100 frs. Usually, only one small bag that should fit under the seat is included. Should you wish to take a larger carry-on ("Trolley"), please indicate this as well, there might be an extra charge of approximately 100 frs. for this as well.

If you would like a single room, please let us know. The extra cost for this may be up to approx. 200 frs.

Travel costs will be due in two instalments: The first one of 250 frs. will be due after application, the second one with the remainder of the travel costs shortly before or after the seminar.

Flights and hotel bookings are usually non refundable. So you are liable for the total cost of the seminar even if – for any reason – you can't travel.

What to expect?

Of course you won't know beforehand where we will go and what we will do exactly during the seminar. In most cases we will use public transport (plane, train, coach), but not necessarily the most direct and straightforward way. We will not necessarily travel together all the time. We will usually spend the nights in hotels.

In general, the programme should allow for an inspiring and entertaining seminar at a place you may not have had the idea of googling before.

If you would like to climb high mountains, survive in adverse conditions or take part in the daily routine of paramilitary units, you are of course free to do so, but not in this seminar. Even if we don't give any guarantees, we will do our best to organise everything in a safe, sane and consensual way. Please take into account any advice we might give you about your personal safety, avoid picking fights and try to stay out of trouble.

To give you an idea about what to pack you will get a message on what weather conditions to expect at the seminar location, your baggage allowance and if there is anything specific to consider when packing (e.g. bathing suit, formal wear etc.) a few days before departure.

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