

# MOITIÉ-MOITIÉ – THE MIX FOR SUCCESS



This year the traditional Swiss Pentecost meeting took place in Lausanne from 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> of May.

As in previous years, numerous international guests attended. To be precise, exactly half of the 36 participants came from abroad – maybe the organizers were inspired by the traditional Swiss fondue.<sup>1</sup>

We started with a picnic on Saturday and after checking in ...



... there was the official welcome with aperitif, getting to know each other...



... and happy reunions.



<sup>1</sup> Swiss fondue motié-motivé (half-half) consists of two types of cheese.

The international guests were presented gifts to commemorate Switzerland.



After dinner a night watchman tour of the cathedral tower was planned.



Unfortunately the tour was canceled for us as the watchman had climbed the tower with ANOTHER group!! Anyway, we had time for a group photo and a small beer on our way home.

Although the weather forecast was not too promising, we woke up the next morning to sunshine!

Some of us went with Fritz to the Charlie Chaplin Museum in Vevey, while the majority opted for a wonderful hike through the Lavaux Vineyard Terraces that became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2007.





No trip without a picnic!



And Birgit practiced for a job in agriculture.

On the way back, we relaxed down by the lake for an hour with coffee or ice cream – and then it was back into town again. This weekend we certainly made extensive use of the free public transport card.



Along the way a couple of Gottlieber Hüppes<sup>2</sup> were smoked.

Back at the cathedral (we already were familiar with the route), city guides were waiting for us. Even those who had considered returning to the hostel early were impressed.



<sup>2</sup> Swiss waffle rolls with praline filling

Afterwards we had time for a quick drink and then ... back to dinner quickly because there was a presentation scheduled for the evening.

Invited by SERVAS Switzerland, Sabdi from Mexico had prepared an exciting presentation about her country. Those who had already travelled to Mexico were able to refresh their memories, but also learn a lot of new things about the country and its people.



And those who hadn't been to Mexico yet, now certainly are highly motivated to go there.

On Monday morning we sang happy birthday to the four jubilees who had had their birthday over the weekend and thanked Helen, Elisabeth, Luzia, Fritz and Patrick for their fabulous organization.



You did a great job!

Then we lined up for the traditional photo and it was time to say good bye.

**We are looking forward to Solothurn next year!  
(7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> of June 2025)**

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