

Escape to the Alps 2014

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Road Scholars helped me escape to comfort and mountain tops this year. We hiked 3-4 hours a day, in early September. The guide took care of everything. All we had to do is find the shuttle at the airport and then show up for meals and activities. Out of Geneva, then France, Italy and back to Switzerland, around Mt Blanc.



Our multi-lingual guide Hans on right & local guide



One of the better buffet meals



Classic Alps village setting



Divo, male for Diva, the guardian of one hotel



Like TSA, he screened every visitor



Gruyere pot; best gruyere of my life



Italian baker helped us bake bread; one American asked "where is the woman?"



Home of the pure-bred Bernese dog



Pigs in a pile



Chamonix view



Cable car: 2 cars go up nearly 9000 feet; that's a ride in 20 minutes!!



I am nuts about mountain tops



The climbers are nuts too



View at 12,000 feet, cable station

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 The sky is full of paragliders, the steep peaks with climbers, and in winter, steep ski slopes.
 We were enthralled by the poster below, which I find a wonderful metaphor.
 When somebody invites you, beware: "Let's take a flying leap in Shamonee!"



(available on Amazon: "Chamonix vintage poster")