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Christmas Market begins today in Ticino's Locarno



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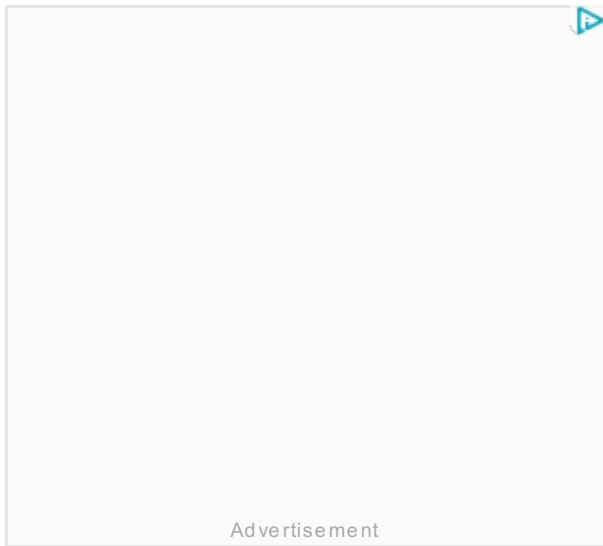
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Italian is the official language and restaurant menus feature pasta, pizza, and polenta. Palm trees sway in this region located entirely south of the Alps. It's an immersion



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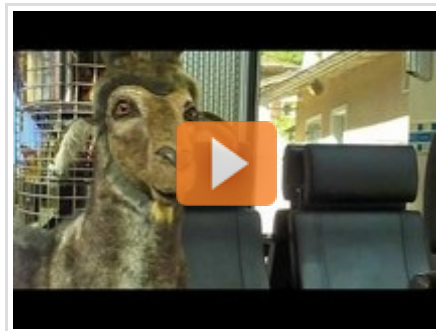
entirely south of the Alps. It's an immersion in la dolce vita with high standards of quality on the sunny side of----Switzerland!

With mountain valleys and picturesque lakeside villages, Ticino is a blends the mild Mediterranean lifestyle, history, culture, language, gastronomy and architecture with Swiss quality, cleanness and precision.

Ticino is well connected by a full range of punctual Swiss transport. A dense network of bus and train routes go to even the most remote corners of Ticino and are included in the Swiss Pass.

Three legendary scenic routes, the [Bernina Express](#), Wilhelm Tell Express, and Palm Express provide the opportunity to discover Ticino in a most delightful way. The hub of it all is Locarno, on the northernmost shore of Lake Maggiore.

The festive fun is about to begin.



The Bernina Express

December 1, 2012 through January 6, 2013, a [Christmas market](#) fills Locarno's Piazza Grande. It opens December 1 with the opening of the skating rink and the lighting of the Christmas tree in the Piazza Riforma at 5:30 pm. Stalls with culinary delights, art, crafts and antiques are open until 8pm every evening. This is also the site of the Christmas in Jazz concerts.

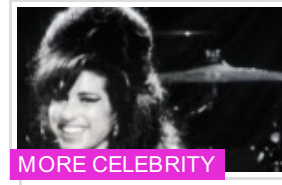
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The Moon and Stars concert series will be held July 14-15, 2013. Since 2004 it has featured international artists and is part of the international film festival. It is held in Locarno's Piazza Grande, which the singer Pink called "the most beautiful square in the world".



The nation is mourning the senseless shooting deaths.

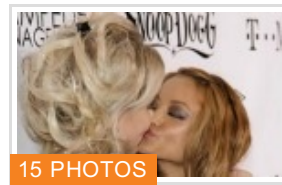
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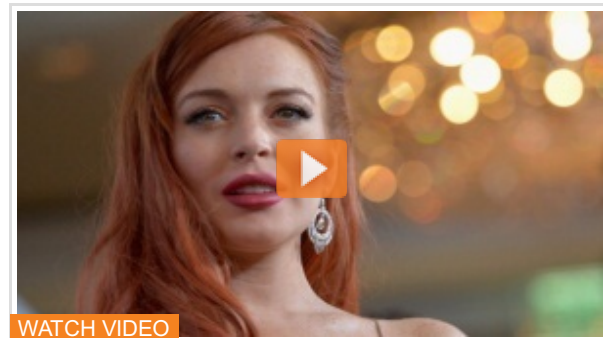


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The Film Festival Locarno, August 7-17, 2013, is the largest open-air cinema in the world and the largest cultural event in Switzerland. It's the second oldest film festival after Venice. In 2013, its 66th year, hundreds of films will be screened and the best film in the competition will get the coveted Golden Leopard.

It might be just a little more than a tenth, the size of California, but there are four national languages in Switzerland--German, French, Italian, and the little-known Romansch. Choose your favorite season and experience the remarkable diversity of Swiss culture. Just grab your [Swiss Pass](#) and experience it all. For more on these Swiss trains see Notable Travel's [Bernina Express](#) and [YouTube](#).

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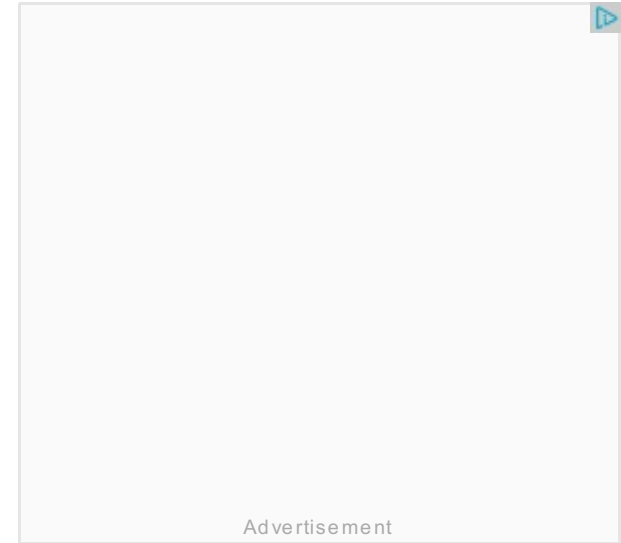
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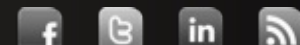
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