

# THE CULINARY TRAIN

## Embark on a journey back in time, taking a seat in the recently renovated locomotive built in 1943, the bar car dating from 1895 or the dining car made in 1925. The historic train will take you from Morges to station of Bière.

During this journey, you can admire the view of Lake Geneva, the Jura Mountains and the vineyards. You will be able to taste the gastronomic specialities of the terror, served by the <u>Auberge aux 2 sapins</u> in Montricher and its Chef, Frédéric Simond. Renowned for his creative cuisine rich in high quality local products, he will enchant your journey and confirm the success of the "Culinary Train"!

#### Your meal

Each excursion is an opportunity to design a special menu, which varies over the seasons. After a gourmet appetiser, your menu will continue to develop the same theme with a seasonal starter, main course and dessert. While the "Hunting Season" trains are much in demand, don't miss the other seasons, each with its own discoveries!

#### Your timetable

You can board the period carriages of the retro train starting from 11:11 am at the Morges station. The train will depart at 11:44 am sharp and will take you to Bière, with crossings at Chigny, Yens, Apples and Ballens.

Arrival in Bière is scheduled for 2:15 pm, where you can take the time to finish your conversation and your coffee, and seize the opportunity to chat with the artisans in attendance! In Bière, you have two options:

- Continue your discovery with a visit to the Moulin de Sévery. Built in 1845, this artisanal oil producer, known as the Huilerie de Sévery is the last one in Switzerland that still operates year-round. You will be able to admire the artisan's skill and watch a demonstration of the production of pressed oil in the traditional way, followed by a tasting. A bus will take you from the Bière railway station to the Moulin de Sévery, and then back to the Morges station. To take part in the visit, you are asked to confirm your attendance either when you register, or by phone on 021 811 43 45 or by email (vente@mbc.ch). A cost of CHF 10.00 will be charged for the transport.
- Return to Morges by regular train, which leaves Bière at 2:19 pm (for those in a hurry) or at 3:19/4:19 pm if you wish to enjoy one last coffee or take a walk along the country roads, where you can stroll at your leisure. Suggested excursions (on foot or by bike) are available on www.lavoiedessens.ch.

You will be back in Morges at 2:49 pm (or 3:49/4:49 pm) and if you opted for the visit to the Moulin Sévery, you will be back at 4:40 pm.

#### Looking for exclusivity? Opt for the "Premium" version!

The "Culinary Train" offers an exclusive and rare version... the Premium version! Included:

- Welcome aperitif and reserved seats in 1st class compartment
- All drinks included (wine, mineral water, coffee, etc.)
- Privatization of a complete 1st class compartment (comfortable and wider upholstered seats, table)
- Special offers for "Premium" travelers
- Exclusive offer limited to 2 compartments/tables per train, for 2 to 4 people maximum.

Would you like to experience a romantic moment for two? Or share your outing more exclusively with friends or family? (compartments are perfect for 2, but still nice for 3 or 4!). Choose a Premium seat on the Culinary Train.





### YOUR TABLE AND THE CONSTRAINTS

Gathering around a meal on a historic train while it is running is a unique experience, but is inevitably accompanied by a few constraints

- The number of places is limited. The historic train has 18 tables that seat four people each, and has no tables for two. We encourage you to see this as a special opportunity to gather as a family, invite friends or business relations and so fill the four seats at your table. The experience will be all the finer! To optimise the space, it may be that groups under four people will be asked to share a table.
- Serving meals on a train requires special prowess... Each excursion of the BAM retro train presents one culinary concept and a special menu. It is unfortunately not possible to offer alternatives to the set menu or to meet a last-minute request for a change. We recommend that you inform us in advance of any food allergies. Animals are not admitted to carriages where food is served. This measure does not apply to seeing-eye dogs or service dogs.
- The train is not well suited to children, much the less babies! The lack of space for push chairs or other equipment, the length of the trip and, above all, safety on board a train limit the possibility of movement available to children... We recommend that parents who wish to share the experience of a journey on the historic train with their children opt for the "Brunch in the fields", which is much better suited to children in terms of service. Bookings are needed for children 4 years and older, while children under 4 travel on their parents' lap, without a reserved seat (please note, space is tight...). It is unfortunately not possible to offer special menus, and a smaller portion will be served to children between 4 and 10 years of age. Children over 10 will receive adult portions and be charged adult prices.

#### Travelling (and eating ...) on a period train

Please note, you will be travelling on a historic train and in carriages built in 1895 and 1925! This trip back in time, that will also bring back or create new memories, is ideally suited for sharing and conviviality. But it will take you back to a time when the concept of comfort was not what it is today...

- The vehicles, tables, benches as well as "air conditioning" are definitely of a different period. The limited space and narrow tables make for very close contacts!
- Each meal served on a period train is a performance in itself. A fresh accomplishment by passionate restaurateurs on each journey. Without having the resources of a restaurant, they are unable to offer any alternative menus or a wide choice of drinks, or to meet any last-minute requests for a change.
- Comfort and speed are also those of the last century. Your train will travel slowly (enabling you to enjoy the view and your meal in the best possible conditions) and will stop at several stations along the journey to wait for or let mainline trains pass (there is also a bit more traffic than at the beginning of the last century ...)
- The necessity of making do with the equipment available on site and the limited infrastructure of a train and not a restaurant. It's not easy to respect strict timetables on a historic train that "glides" along a railway network that is still in operation.
- The carriages of the historic train are not equipped with lavatories. Public facilities are available in the departure and arrival stations, as well as in Apples.
- We would like to draw your attention to the fact that the BAM retro train and its carriages dating back to the last century are not suited for push chairs, baby seats or wheelchairs.
- The maintenance and operation of such a historic train are costly. The value of just one railway journey is estimated at CHF 45.00 (which also includes the right to travel on the MBC network during the day). It is thanks entirely to the support of the MBC and of all the enthusiastic fans of historic trains, of the Five Senses Route and of the restaurateurs, that we can keep the final price reasonable.

