

Personal invitation
Opening of the Gotthard Base Tunnel,
Wednesday, 1st June 2016

On Wednesday, 1st June 2016, a ceremony will be held to celebrate the opening of the Gotthard Base Tunnel. This event is of enormous significance for Switzerland, for our immediate neighbours, and for the entire European continent.

The guest list for the event includes the heads of state or government of our neighbouring countries, and the transport ministers of the Alpine countries and the countries along the freight traffic corridor. High-ranking representatives of the European Union as well as of European railway companies, both chambers of the Swiss parliament, all members of the Federal Council and other prominent persons are also among those invited.

As a member of the Federal Council and as Switzerland's transport minister, I am delighted to invite you to this unique event.

Experience the opening ceremony with performances and other works by Swiss artists; witness trains exiting the tunnel for the first time; meet other guests from the world of politics and business and take a ride through the newly opened tunnel.

I look forward to welcoming you to the Gotthard region.

Yours sincerely

Doris Leuthard
Federal Councillor

Organisational information
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Event location and access

The opening event is a ceremony held in parallel at the two tunnel entrances on the former installation sites at Rynächt near Erstfeld and at Pollegio.

We advise guests to travel to the location by public transport. Extra trains will be laid on from and to Bern, Zurich, Arth-Goldau, Lugano and Bellinzona.

You will be given the departure times in the detailed programme, which will be issued in May 2016.

Programme (as of: November 2015)

From 08.00:	Departure of the extra trains or personal travel arrangements
11.00 – 12.00:	Arrival at the event locations in Rynächt and Pollegio
12.00 – 16.00:	Opening programme at both event locations
16.00:	End of the programme for all guests at the Pollegio location
From 16.00:	Return by extra train or personal travel arrangements

Registration

The invitation is personal. Please advise us by **1st March 2016** whether you are able to attend or not.

Electronic replies on www.gottardo2016.ch/guest are preferred.

User ID: gottardo2016

Password: guest

You can also reply by email, fax or post using the attached form.

Once you have registered, you will immediately be sent confirmation of receipt. You will also receive written confirmation by post, with all the documents and details required, in May 2016.

Contact

If you have any questions or wish to change your registration, please contact the Gottardo 2016 project management team.

Email: guest@gottardo2016.ch

For further information, see: www.gottardo2016.ch



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