



Sonntag 22.09.2009 13:14		
16 Riehl Riehl	Gleis 1	
18 Buchheim	Gleis 1	in 2 Min
5 Reichensp. Pl.	Gleis 1	in 4 Min
18 Brühl Bonn	Gleis 2	in 5 Min
5 Ossendorf	Gleis 2	in 5 Min
16 Bad Godesberg	Gleis 2	in 6 Min
18 Thienbruch	Gleis 1	in 7 Min
18 Klottenberg	Gleis 2	in 10 Min
1 Uhr zum RheinEnergieStadion	Gleis	

ZEITCAFE

We meet up with the girls in Cologne train station...

..and head
out to see a
bit of the
city and
have the
first of
many...





...beers at a friendly cafe on a lovely day.

Sights
around
Cologne...



..a
cool
mural,

a balancing act over
the Rhine





If there is a tower,
we will climb it!



The
mighty
Rhine
River







Breakfast at Chez DiGuisseppi





Looking
around
Esneux

and the Ourthe Valley





A ride through the ripe Belgian countryside...

..leads us
to the
town of
Ath and
its
summer
parade of
giants
(Ducasse)



I love
that they
still use
horses to
pull the
floats





This is
Wallonia's
oldest
procession



Y
ou still
practised
after 500
years





Note the traditional necklaces and beverages



No language barrier here!

The giants at rest.



**Note the
little seat**

Remember
the little
seat from
the last
slide?



Round and
round he went,
poor baby!





We soak up
more
culture on
the Grand
Place in
Tounai



One of
Belgium's
famous
bell
towers,



a
UNESCO
site along
with
Tournai's
ancient
cathedral.



The
mesdemoiselles
head off on an
adventure of their
own

Hôtel St. Martin







We join them again in colorful Colmar, France







The artist and his works in woods



The "little
Venice"
section of
Colmar



Can I have some local color with my crepe, si'il vous plait?



We
leave
the
colorful
wacky
beauty
of
Colmar...



..and head up into Switzerland.



We come upon glacial lakes with waters as clear and blue as a tropical sea...



And head into a valley between the lakes to Interlaken



Here the ice blue rivers bring the glaciers to the lakes



We dine at a five hundred year old inn, the Bear

The
following
morning
we take
to the
hills





We took the cablecar halfway up the Schilthorn





Up to where we can see the three peaks...



.. the Eiger, Monch and Jungfrau









✦ Pletschen und Winteregg haben sich

von Frick

Chalet Eduia

















Andreas, Swiss physical therapy student and kayaker



This is
the river
we could
see from
far above
a few
slides
back.



The outside
part of
Trummelbach
Falls



A river of
glacial melt
pours
through the
inside of the
mountain











Gletscherwasser ^{+2°Celsius} ist lebensgefährlich,
besonders für Kinder.

Glacier water ^{+2°Celsius} can be fatal,
especially for children.

L'eau de glacier ^{+2°Celsius} est très dangereuse,
particulièrement pour les enfants.



Looking back up the valley











Travelin' light?



One more
walk in the
beautiful
Swiss hills









"The
hills
are
alive...."



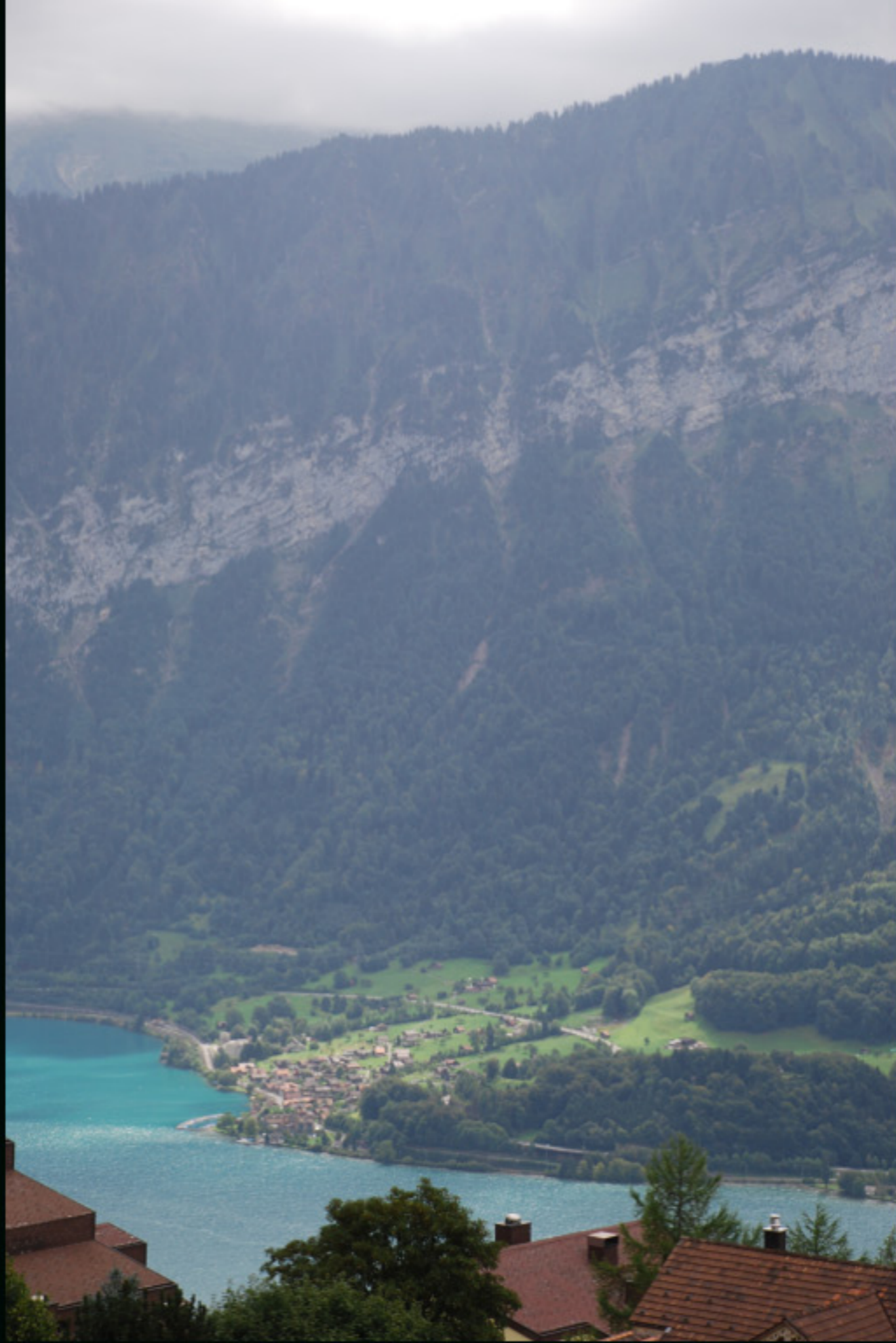


This slope is littered with rockfall...



..some of which are pretty recent.

We head
out of the
Alps down
to the city
at the end
of
Thunersee,
Thun





Crossing
another
ice blue
river
into
Thun













Our last picnic of the trip

We had
enough
to
share...





..but not enough for everyone!





A
covered
walkway
up to
the
Castle of
Thun,
nice and
dry in
winter.





Castle of Thun



Must
climb
tower..





...for great views!



The town hall and market square







The town hall from the market square







Apparently not everyone is happy with the Swiss government



Environmentally friendly housing



ARAL

Serways
Shop

MAGNUM
Temptation
Caramel & Almonds



Claire
with her
beer
glasses
carry-on



Welcome to Gimmelwald

A Postcard to remember a great trip!