

CERN Update – 7 (27/04/2016)

Dear all

No doubt the last word with 3 or 4 days to go.

PAYMENT

You will pay reception on arrival, not centrally to Tony and John as I mentioned previously. I sent the hotel my version of the itemised invoice 2 weeks ago and asked them to confirm it was correct or amend it. They did not reply so I phoned them last Thursday and asked if my invoice was correct. They said they couldn't do it there and then but would let me know. They haven't and billing you in advance is the only way I am prepared to do their bidding. So I'm not billing people with my unconfirmed version and I'm not doing it there. I will let them know before the first of you arrive on Saturday. I had a simple method but with an *unconfirmed* bill of £4000 I cannot take any risks and I'm not asking them a third time.

At Reception, they accept CHF cash (*not* Euros) and major credit cards including Amex. I will suggest you pay on arrival. Just as well I decided NOT to set up payment through the usual IOP REMS payment method and transferring via an FX company....

CHECK IN / OUT TIMES

14:00 / 12:00 but you can safely leave cases with reception before / after these times. I mentioned soaps and shapies are not provided but to save bothering with liquids passing through airport security you have the option to buy soap, shampoo, razors, cotton swabs, toothbrushes can each be bought for 2 CHF at reception. Swiss plug adapters, limited in number no doubt are available for a 10 CHF deposit.

GLOBE

The Globe was originally built for an expo - type exhibition in Neuchatel in 2002 and moved to CERN in 2004 in time for CERN's 50th anniversary. The exhibition included an a/v show 5 - 10 minutes in English on the quarter past the hour, I think it does still so time your visit accordingly.

CAR PARKING

I suggest you park beside GATE B initially whilst you register and ask where you should leave your vehicle for your stay. Peter Mercer is driving and was told he needed confirmation of the visit to park there. If anyone else is driving let me know and I will forward you confirmation of the visit.

EDEL PYRGOS

It would be advisable to meet on the Monday evening, probably 21h in the restaurant, maybe later, maybe earlier. Do please note my mobile number [+44 7747 800837](tel:+447747800837) and text me early evening. I want to be flexible about this should you or I wish to stay in town till later. You can pay the hotel for the accommodation when arriving. I will also ask Seamus Hegarty in HR if he can join us some time for a chat about opportunities for Ruairi. Tues lunch time perhaps but subject to his availability.

SWISS AIR LHR 08:55 PASSENGERS

We intend to wait for you but PLEASE remember to collect half a dozen free tickets as ours will run out of time. The machine dispenses them freely. I intend to text you John as a reminder upon arrival. We will be in one of those cafés en route for the station.

TRANSPORT

3/8/10 CHF are indeed the current prices.

TOURIST OFFICE

If you visit, why not pick up a handful of leaflets so we can share them in the evening.

MEETING SUNDAY EVENING

We will meet informally in the CERN restaurant, point 8 on that map, at about 20:00 on the Sunday evening to eat if you haven't already and later to treat as a bar. There are a few gaps in the fondue requests we can plug when you sign in, meat or cheese. In fact, if I can't find the piece of paper with your requests, it's more than a few, so let me know your choice. At the restaurant we will seat cheese fondues in clusters first. Next their partners can sit by them at a bourguignon pot. In fact if cheese fondue eaters prefer a salad, let us just swap at table, I'll have your cold meats as will others no doubt ! If you don't make it, just let me know by text: [+44 7747 800837](tel:+447747800837).

LUNCH ON TUESDAY

Visits have recommended taking lunch at 11:30. The restaurant gets very busy between 12:00 and 13:00 and we have been asked to eat outside those times since my notional timetable had lunch at 13:00 for a 13:30 gathering which they thought tight (queuing...).

I have also heard from Mick Storr who might speak to us if there is a last minute slot, perhaps in place of the two exhibitions which you can visit before departing on the Wednesday. So there might be some late changes to the morning.

Finally, my mobile: [+44 7747 800837](tel:+447747800837)

Regards

Stewart