



EVERDAY
LIFE

LIVING IN SWITZERLAND

THE STORY BEHIND CHOCOLATE AND CHEESE FONDUE

- 1** Total language confusion in the cinema while watching an English spoken movie subtitled in both French and German.
- 2** In most apartments it is forbidden to possess a laundry machine. Fortunately most buildings have a common laundry room, with allocated time slots. "Sorry, no skiing today, have to do the laundry".
- 3** The activity at the train station on a sunny Saturday in winter is amazing. Trains are packed with skis, snowboards, sleds, snow rackets, oh and little bottles with.. what's in those bottles anyway?
- 4** The Swiss-French counting system is sheer joy, no more "soixante-dix-huit" or "quatre-vingt-quatre", but a logical "septante-huit" and "huitante-quatre".
- 5** Supermarkets close at seven o'clock in the evening. Always. Except on Saturdays, then they close at six.
- 6** Pedestrians are what cows are in India: car drivers start braking metres in advance, even when you show no sign of wanting to cross the street. Cyclists, however, are treated ... differently.
- 7** "Apéro", the happiest time of the day. Bars are packed with people sharing a glass, and then some. The Swiss share a great love for drinks.
- 8** Did I say the chocolate and cheese fondue are amazing?