

SWISS CULTURE FROM HOME



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Dear Friends of Switzerland,

This edition invites you on a cultural journey that stretches from the Alps to your doorstep. Join us to celebrate the *Settimana della Cucina Italiana nel Mondo*, a week devoted to Italian cuisine, in Washington, DC, as well as the rich linguistic landscape of Switzerland as we participate at the annual World Languages Expo. Meanwhile in Switzerland, the *Festival International du Film sur les Glaciers* invites you to an important discussion on climate. To add a final touch to your Swiss experience, we're sharing a delightful fondue recipe — a true Swiss classic. Perhaps, with this culinary prowess, you'll be ready to participate in the Fondue World Championship yourself!

And don't forget, if you missed our screening of *Semret* last weekend, you will still be able to [watch it online](#) through November 20 as part of the Swiss Film Club.

Please continue to check our website, social media channels, and events calendar, where we are providing regular updates, for more cultural content. Have you found something we're missing? What would you like to see more of? Let us know — [we would love to hear from you](#).

We hope you continue to enjoy, and take care!

Cuisine

Settimana della Cucina Italiana

November 13-19, 2023

Special Discussion & Tasting Event: November 29, 2023

More information to follow



Source: [Stile.it](https://www.stile.it)

The *Settimana della Cucina Italiana nel Mondo*, or “Week of Italian Cuisine in the World”, which is being celebrated this week, is an annual celebration of Italian cuisine, dedicated to promoting the amazing flavors and delicious foods that come from the Italian-speaking world — and this includes the Swiss canton of Ticino!

To carry on the celebration, and to continue the focus on sustainability that was part of the Week of Italian Language, we will welcome representatives of the Ticinese project *Pancia mia fatti capanna*, which explores sustainable and locally-sourced products from Ticino and has produced a book of information and recipes. Stay tuned for more information and to join us for a discussion of these topics followed by a tasting of several regional products.

Language

ACTFL 2023 Annual Convention & World Languages Expo

November 17-19, 2023
McCormick Place West Building
Chicago, Illinois



ACTFL 20
CHICAGO 23
NOVEMBER 17-19

Source: [ACTFL](https://www.actfl.org)

The World Languages Expo is an annual event organized by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL), which takes place as part of its annual convention and is dedicated to the improvement and expansion of the

teaching and learning of languages.

The Embassy of Switzerland will be present at the conference to share our educational materials with teachers and to raise awareness about Switzerland's multilingualism and unique approaches to education, governance, culture, and daily life. If you happen to be attending the conference, we hope you stop by to say hello (or *Grüezi*, or *Salut*, or *Ciao*, or *Allegra*)!

Learn more about ACTFL [here](#).

Meanwhile in Switzerland...

Festival International du Film sur les Glaciers

December 1-3, 2023

Maison des Arts du Grütli, Geneva

Discover this year's program [here](#)



Source: [Festival International du Film sur les Glaciers \(FIFG\)](#).

The 7th edition of the International Film Festival on Glaciers will take place in the picturesque city of Geneva. This year, with a focus on the theme of “Climate Emergency”, the festival invites viewers on a cinematic journey that explores the profound impact of environmental challenges on the world's glaciers. Switzerland, with almost 1400 glaciers, is particularly affected.

Experience the power of documentary films while delving into urgent conversations about our climate, at the intersection of art and advocacy. Take this chance to discover new films, and hopefully we will see some of them in the U.S. soon.

Cuisine

Fondue

Adapted from a family recipe

Have you heard of the [Fondue World Championship](#)? The 4th edition of this competition will take place in Switzerland from November 17 to 19. Professionals and amateurs, adults and children, all are invited to participate in this quest for the world's best fondue. Why not join along from home? Ladies and gentlemen, heat your *caquelon* (fondue pot), and let us guide you through making our very best (family) fondue recipe.



Source: [A Vos Assiettes](#)

For 4 servings, you will need:

- 1 3/4 lbs cheese fondue mix
- 1 1/3 cups white wine
- 3 clove garlic
- 2 tbsp flour, or cornstarch for a gluten-free option
- Cubes of bread or cooked potatoes for dipping
- Pepper

Directions:

1. Rub the cold fondue pot with halved garlic cloves. Leave the cloves in the pot.
2. Add the white wine and flour to the fondue pot and stir prior to heating to avoid lumps.
3. Heat the *caquelon* on high on the griddle until the liquid thickens.
4. Reduce the griddle to low, then add the cheese a little at a time, stirring constantly, until the cheese is perfectly combined. Be careful! The fondue must never boil: the aim is to keep the fondue warm, not to cook it.
5. Place the fondue pot on the table on a pre-warmed plate. Don't wait to enjoy: dive in immediately with your pieces of bread or potatoes, making circular movements in the cheese mixture to coat them. Season with pepper.

Enjoy this delicious recipe with a glass of white wine or some tea, and... *Guten Appetit!* We would love to see your culinary masterpieces: take a picture, post it on your social media, and don't forget to tag us – or [send us an email](#) with the picture – to be featured in our next event calendar!



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