



## Royal Sunday Program on 17 September 2017: On the traces of Queen Victoria at the Lake Lucerne



**The association Plaisir d'Histoire invites** you (all guests of the ball as well as other guests are welcome) to join a queenlike excursion: Queen Victoria started planning – still mourning – a visit in Switzerland as early as 1865. She wrote to General Grey: «The Queen does feel she must try to spend 4 weeks in some complete quiet spot in Switzerland...». So she travelled thinly disguised as «The Countess of Kent» in company with her daughters Louise and Beatrice, as well as her son Leopold to find that spot: at lake Lucerne. She was so fond of the lake describing it like this: "Nothing can exceed the beauty of the Lake in any direction (...) that wonderful colour varying from sapphire blue to emerald green - is too glorious" (Quotes from Peter Arengo-Jones, *Queen Victoria in Switzerland*, London, 1995).

**Program:** 9am, Belle-Epoque-inspired buffet in the Landgasthof Au, Wädenswil, then a coach will take us on a one hour drive over gentle hills towards the central part of Switzerland, where the myths and legends of the origin of the Swiss Confederation were born: to Lake Lucerne. We will board a steamship and enjoy the same route the Queen has taken. We will stop at the elegant Hotel Vitznauerhof, where the Queen has also been staying for a few nights. After a delightful «royal» English Teatime and dances with the Orchestra Pannonia we will take the coach again to return to Wädenswil/Richterswil (back 7pm).

**Charges:** CHF 138.00 per person, including: breakfast buffet, coach, boatrip, teatime and *thé dansant*, english speaking guide  
Feel free to dress up: Dresscode 19<sup>th</sup> c., befitting a victorian event or elegant dress.

Are you interested also in the Ball « Dance & Elegance 19th c. » at the Castle Au?  
Information about the Ball on September 16, 2017 please see:

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