

On day 10, the meeting point was at 9.30h to check out of our rooms in the Grindelwald Youth Hostel. Then we went to the village for some free time until 12h. Many of us chose to start the day with a nice coffee and some croissants, which prevented us from getting wet early. Actually, the weather was very rainy and unfortunately the mountains were hidden by the clouds. Between two showers, we took a little risk leaving the café to visit some shops. Here we obtained an answer to the question "why is Switzerland the country of watches?" Indeed, we have seen 451 different kinds of watches (and counting them was quite difficult...)! We also saw some nice Swiss chocolate and several cadets bought some (and ate it). At 12h, we went from Grindelwald to Interlaken, a resort near the lake of Thun, where we had lunch at a Hooters restaurant. After lunch, we had some more leisure time which allowed us to compare the Swiss Army Knife prices (those in Grindelwald and those in Interlaken, of course). However, this task was hard and consequently we were late for the boat departure.



One minute before the expected time of departure, 100 meters were remaining between us and the Blümlisalp, our ship. Fortunately, our training was perfect thanks to the hiking we had done the day before, and we met this little difficulty without effort. Then, we found some seats on the 1909-built ship and some cadets started a 2h15min sleep. The other ones were interested by the surprising architecture of the Blümlisalp: wooden floors, walls and stairs and visible engines. This nice boat, which can transport 750 passengers, was an impressive masterpiece of 64 meters in length and 13 meters in width, divided into three decks, one for the second class, one for the first class and the upper deck for the cockpit.

After several stopovers around the lake of Thun, we arrived on the opposite side in the city of Thun, where Dominic was waiting for us with his grey van. Two hours later we arrived at the Restaurant Untergrenchenberg, just on time for dinner, which was "Älplermakkaroni". It was so nice that many cadets took two helpings of it and one of them (but we won't tell you who) took three. At the end of dinner we learned we had to get up at 5am the next day (this is awful...). Perhaps we are going to sleep now, but we can also sleep on the bus tomorrow!