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OUAA travels to Switzerland and Italian lakes

Get ready to pack your bags. The **Oakland University Alumni Association** is planning its next Grizzly Getaway to two of Europe's most outstanding locations – the Swiss Alps and Northern Italian Lakes Region.

Highlights of the seven-day holiday include visits to quaint Swiss villages, Venice and an evening in Verona. Travel is scheduled for Sept. 17-25.

"This trip combines a taste of Italy and Switzerland, and most people find it appealing to take in sights from two diverse landscapes and cultures," said Adrienne Bass, director of alumni relations.

Switzerland is referred to by many as one of the most breathtaking, picturesque countries in the world with its dramatic, snow-capped mountains, lush green meadows, delicate alpine flowers and charming villages. The Italian Lakes Region also is a haven of peace and tranquility. For centuries, the region has inspired poets, artists and composers with its magnificent beauty, fine wine and culinary delights.

The OUAA **Grizzly Getaway** program offers international travel opportunities at affordable prices for alumni and their friends and family. At least one member of each travel party must be a member of the OU Alumni Association. If you are not a member, you can join by completing the **OUAA Membership Form**. Memberships are available for friends of the university as well as alumni.

Prices for the Switzerland/Italian Lakes trip begin at \$1,349 per person, plus taxes (date and price are tentative and subject to change), and includes round-trip airfare, seven nights accommodation, breakfast buffet and airport transfers via deluxe motor coach, luggage handling and all related tipping, and a professional guide service.

"We have seen a lot of repeat alumni travelers sign up for this program," Bass said. "I think this is because they enjoy the flexibility of the program and the opportunity to travel with other people that are connected to the university. It's a great chance to see new places and meet new faces with people that you have something in common with."

For more information on the travel program or to make a reservation, contact Global Holidays at (952) 918-8950 or (800) 842-9023 or visit the **Global Holidays** Web site.

For information about OUAA programs and membership, contact Bass at (248) 370-3700 or bass@oakland.edu.

SUMMARY

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