

FAQ – Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is the project about and what is its goal?**

The project “Why the lion? Think about it – we are going to tell you” wants to give a broad audience from all over Switzerland an understanding of the widely known Lion Monument of Lucerne. In order to do so, there will be guided tours taking place right next to the monument itself (Denkmalstrasse 4). The tour should stimulate thoughts and discussions over this memorial site and its significance for the long way to a Swiss constitutional state. The guided tours will start at the 10th of August 2017, which represents the 225th anniversary of the Storming of the Tuileries Palace. This event, 225 years ago, is the reason why the Lion Monument was erected in 1821. The last tour will take place at the 1st of October 2017.

- **Who is behind the project?**

The project has been initiated by the historian and secondary teacher Dr. Jürg Stadelmann who runs the “Büro für Geschichte, Kultur und Zeitgeschichte GmbH” (“Bureau for History, Culture and Contemporary History PLC”) in Lucerne. A team of young historians and history fans supports him. All members are listed on our homepage www.1792-luzern.ch.

- **How do the guided tours proceed?**

The group with maximum 20 persons will be lead by a historian through 20 different stops, situated around the Lion Monument, for about 90 minutes. By passing the different stops one gets an insight into the absolutist patriciate of Lucerne, the Swiss mercenary trade that had lasted for over 300 years, the French dominated European absolutism, the first years of the French Revolution and as well as into the tentative to create a Swiss unitary state, which has failed 50 years after and has marked the beginning for a Swiss constitutional state.

- **What is special about this guided tour?**

We try to convey history about the Lucerne mercenary blood in a lively way by passing through different stages: We will track and recreate the journey of the Swiss mercenaries to Paris. Moreover there will be a fantastic visualisation of the king's palace of Versailles by a shipping container as well as a vivid discussion between voices who endorse and others who oppose the revolutionary activities. At the end of the tour, one can gaze at our highlight—details out of a huge history painting. This painting, which was made by L. Band and O. Lorch in 1889, had been lying rolled up in the Alpineum of Lucerne for over 125 years. Now it has been digitalised, details were have been printed on wood and will be standing in front of the Lion Monument.

- **Where do the guided tours take place?**

Meeting place and starting point will be the flagpole next to our shipping container on the Löwenplatz. Before the tour you can exchange your ticket for a sticker at our pay desk in the Bourbaki (in front of the reception of the Bourbaki Panorama). You can also purchase your tickets spontaneous at this pay desk. During the 90-minutes tour, you are led to the Lion Monument at the Denkmalstrasse 4 in Lucerne. The journey is passing both indoor as well as outdoors.

- **Will the tour take place in all weathers?**

Yes, it will. Suitable clothing is left to the visitor. It is recommended to take a sweater and good shoes for the indoor part in the bunker. For the outside part its recommended to take a rain cover with you in case of rain (umbrellas are unsuitable).

- **When are the tours taking place?**

The tours will take place from Thursday the 10th of August up until Sunday the 1st of October 2017. A tour will take about 90 minutes and is lead by a historian.

The regular dates are:

Monday to Friday: 10:00 and 18:00

Saturday: 10:00, 16:00 and 18:00

Sunday: 10:00, 14:00 and 16:00

- **Is it possible to book a guided tour outside the regular hours?**

Yes it is. You can do such a request by email (info@1792-luzern.ch)

- **Who is able to book an extraordinary tour?**

Private people, groups (classes), enterprises and clubs/associations, etc.

- **How much does it cost?**

A single entrance costs 20 CHF (for students with a students card it is 15 CHF).

The private tour costs 390 (max. 20 people) CHF and for classes accompanied by a teacher it is 290 CHF.

- **Where can the tickets be purchased?**

Above all, you can buy them online on www.1792-lucerne.ch or at our pay desk in the Bourbaki 30 minutes before the tour and during our official tour-hours.

Monday to Friday: 9.30–12.30 and 17.30–19.30

Saturday: 09.30–12.30 and 15.30–19.30

Sunday: 09.30–12.00 and 13.30–17.30

- **Are the guided tours suited for school classes?**

Yes, especially for students who are visiting the upper school. For classes who are accompanied by a teacher we have created special timetables: Monday to Friday from 08.00–09.30, 10.15–11.45, 13.30–14.45 und 15.15–16.45. Classes with more than 20 students are separated into two groups. Each student pays 15 CHF (total amount for the hole class - 10 CHF = group price). The canton of Lucerne is supporting the visits of school classes (www.schukulu.ch, special offers). It is also possible to demand travel grants on this website.

- **From which age on do we recommend a visit?**

12 years.

- **Can younger children visit the guided tours?**

Yes they can but we do not recommend it. The historical background of our tours is not comprehensible for younger children. Furthermore, a 90 minutes tour is too long for small children and it will lead through a bunker with loud noises that do represent the revolutionary activities. This could scare small children.

- **In which languages do we offer our guided tours?**

Regularly in German, but on request also in French, Italian and English

- **Is the guided tour disabled-accessible?**

Unfortunately, it is not.

- **Where do you find us on social media?**

We have got a website (www.1792-luzern.ch). But you will find us also on Facebook (1792-luzern) and Instagram (1792luzern)

- **How can I support the project?**

We would love you to support us. The best way is to make a donation to our account at the Luzerner Kantonalbank AG in favour of the Büro für Geschichte, Kulutr und Zeitgeschehen GmbH, 1792 Löwendenkmal, Luzern.

Account: 01-1067-4 / IBAN: CH21 0077 8159 5034 7200 3.

But you also can support our crowd funding on www.100-days.net. Where we will be found with «Warum der Löwe? Denk mal – wir erzählen». But you also support our project by telling your friends and families about it.

- **I would like to support you personally. What can I do?**

Each helping hand is welcome. Write us an email at info@1792-luzern.ch and we will get in touch with you as soon as possible.

- **I have got further questions. Who can I turn to for help?**

Write us an email to info@1792-luzern.ch and we will answer them as soon as possible.

- **I have got a feedback or suggestions? Where can I bring them in?**

Write us an email at info@1792-luzern.ch. We would love to hear positives as well as well-meant recommendations and constructive criticism.

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