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Ivan Rodrigues of the Switzerland Travel Centre writes:

The STC would like to inform SRS members about some major changes affecting international train connections from UK to Switzerland from mid December onwards.

Paris Gare de Lyon will be the new hub for all TGV services to/from Switzerland from 11th December. This means that you will need to plan a longer transfer time (at least 1½ hours) to change from Gare de Lyon to Gare du Nord. Also new: the meal service in First Class will be extended to all Swiss destinations and now covers routes to Basel, Bern and Zürich. A cold light meal will be served at your seat and a variety of newspapers and magazines are also available. The new Swiss Travel System prices will come into effect by 1st January 2012. We expect a slight increase in 1st class but minimal changes for 2nd class tickets subject to exchange rate development and fluctuation. For more information and latest detailed prices please contact our rail specialists on 020 7420 4908.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members that have booked their holidays and rail tickets in 2011 with STC. Due to the popularity with the 'special 5% discount', STC has decided to extend this offer to 31st December 2012. To qualify you must be a valid member of SRS and provide your membership number at the time of booking. We hope that we can be of assistance when you next plan your trip to Switzerland.

Finally on behalf of STC, I would like to wish all members a Merry Christmas and prosperous 2012. ☑

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