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### Traveler's Guide – Bern, Switzerland

In 2005 Bern celebrates the centennial of special relativity and Einstein's light quantum hypothesis. We invite you to visit Bern, where Einstein was resident between 1902–1909.



The main building of the University of Bern, built 1903

As part of the jubilee festivities in Bern in celebration of the centennial of special relativity and Einstein's light quantum hypothesis, the University and the City of Bern are sponsoring a new walking trail past all of Albert Einstein's old haunts. It will follow the many traces left throughout the city by its world-famous resident between 1902 and 1909. Important stages in Einstein's life and work during his Bernese period are reviewed in about twenty signposted stops for the interested tourist to view peripatetically. The accompanying illustrated guidebook provides further historical details, source information, and historical and current photographs.

The guidebook **Albert Einstein: "Those Happy Bernese Years"** by Ann M. Hentschel and Gerd Grasshoff (Bern 2005) covers the following topics:

- life in Bern around the turn of the century
- Einstein at the Swiss Patent Office (contribution by Kari Wolfgang Graff)
- scientific influences (university – the local Naturforschende Gesellschaft – Olympia Academy)
- personal influences (family – friends – private pupils – teachers – colleagues)
- politics (e.g., Swiss democracy – workers movement – nationalism)
- social norms (e.g., pacifism – individualism – adoption)
- philosophy (Hume – Mach – Poincaré – Duhem)
- religion (Judaism – skepticism)

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