



The 1991 national day will be extended by several hundred days and nights.

The 700th anniversary celebrations commence on January 10, 1991, in Bellinzona and end in November 1991, in Basel. Hundreds of festivals, celebrations, activities and attractive events will take place at community, cantonal and national levels. The three largest events will be the Four Cultures Festival in the French-speaking region, the Festival of Swiss Heritage in the central part of Switzerland, and the Festival of Solidarity in the Romansch-speaking region of Switzerland, Berne, Geneva and Eastern Switzerland. More information on the various events and dates is available from the Information Office for the 700th anniversary of the Swiss Confederation Tel. 031/24 70 91.

1291–1991 Switzerland



Silver coin commemorating the 700th anniversary of the Swiss Confederation (1291–1991)

This silver coin was created by graphic designer Ernst Hiestand of Zollikerberg in the canton of Zurich to ensure that every Swiss will have an opportunity to acquire a souvenir commemorating 700 years of Swiss history. The repeated diagonal arrangement of the Swiss cross simultaneously symbolizes time and imaginary space. The artist has thus succeeded in perfecting a design of distinction which seems to approach the viewer.



Gold coin commemorating the 700th anniversary of the Swiss Confederation (1291–1991)

Seven hundred years ago, the inhabitants of the valley communities of Uri, Schwyz and Unterwalden united to form a confederation and take their future into their own hands; the cornerstone of Swiss history was laid. Sculptor Johannes Burla from Lupsingen in Basel Land has created a coin made of gold – a symbol of loyalty and steadfastness – to commemorate this anniversary. The artist deliberately chose the briefest and most expressive form: the digits of the year. 1991 change to 1291 when the coin is tilted.





Gold 0.900

Diameter	23 mm
Weight	8 g
Weight of pure gold	7.2 g
Mintage:	Swiss Federal Mint



Silver 0.835

Diameter	33 mm
Weight	20 g
Weight of pure silver	16.7 g
Mintage:	Swiss Federal Mint



Sales prices

	Face value	Quantity struck	Sales price (SFr.)
Gold coin, uncirculated, in deluxe case	250.–	690,000	280.–
Gold and silver coins, uncirculated, in deluxe case	250.–/20.–	110,000	300.–
Silver coin, uncirculated	20.–	2'330,000	20.–
Silver coin, proof in transparent box and case	20.–	100,000	50.–
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