Backpacking **Across Europe**

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fter a comfortable flight into Zurich, I disembarked and began my nine-day journey through Europe. Armed with GNC's Mega-Man vitamins (111% of all vitamins and minerals I need for a day) and enough cash for trains, a daily espresso and croissant, and a possible dinner, I was off.

was to stay in Zurich for a day or two, then hit the slopes for the rest of my trip; but my friend convinced me that I should Strasbourg, see France, first, he insisted it was the most attractive city in The Europe. train to Strasbourg took me through northern Switzerland and southern Germany; with snow capped mountains on the Swiss side and rolling plains on the German side. Strasbourg is a strange hybrid. Once German, now French, it has a multi-cultural feel from the start, let alone all of the new

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immigrants from North Africa and the Middle East and their influence. It is a place where old, and new; French and German, and French and Arab meet and mingle. **O BE** CONTINUED...