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I will let you know. And I do expect if he made it here with time to fish, he'd call me. But I don't expect it to happen in the near future.

He and his wife guide skiing, snowboarding, and they also do weddings and professional photography (mostly for weddings I think), and they also have a house that they rent out for tourists. So they have a number of businesses, all based on tourism in some form, which combined, pay their bills.

The pics of my trip, though, were taken with my little fishing camera. Pascal was the guy behind it for most of the pictures, but didn't have an SLR to work with or anything. As you can imagine taking a really nice camera on a trip like that is asking for trouble.

If you do make it over, though, I'd recommend him as a guide. Fishing doesn't have an "industry" behind it in Switzerland like it does in other places. It's hard for a foreigner to figure out the legalities, as many are strange and complicated. There aren't fly shops or anywhere to rent equipment, etc. There are only a small handful of guides, many of whom specialize in pike and such, and some of which may not speak great English. The Zermatt one looked interesting, in that the scenery looks spectacular, but ultimately it looks like nothing more than a stocked pond in an amazing setting. From what I found there, if you're interested in real fishing, pony up the cash and hire this guy, get in touch and discuss the details of what you are looking for and what may be available.

Switzerland is expensive. Not just guides, but everything. 2-3 times what it is in America. I guess it's the exchange rate. But for a simple sandwich at a restaurant, expect to spend over \$20, plus \$5+ more for a drink, even water.