

# Zurich, Interlaken and Lucerne

10 DAYS/9 NIGHTS - INDEPENDENT TRAVEL  
DEPARTS DAILY FROM ZURICH



From the lakes to the mountains, almost everywhere in Switzerland resembles a postcard. Explore the grandeur of the Swiss Alps by taking in three of Switzerland's top destinations with the convenience of a Swiss rail pass. Visit Zurich, the country's largest and capital city. Nestled on a gorgeous lake, the picturesque old town maintains a delicate balance between trendy and historic. Utilize your Swiss Rail pass by taking the train to Lucerne, the home of the first cog railroad, and visit Interlaken, one of the adventure capitals of Europe. This country is abound with activities, from skiing in Interlaken to visiting one of Zurich's fifty museums. No matter what type of vacation you want, it's waiting for you in Switzerland.

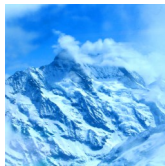


## DAY 1 ~ ARRIVE ZURICH

Arrive in Zurich and collect your bags. As you exit customs you will be met by a representative who will help you with your luggage and escort you to your hotel, where you will stay for three nights. Once you get settled make your way to the bus terminal where you will join an excellent tour of Zurich and the Uetliberg mountain. After the tour, the evening is yours to relax. This would be a great night to get to sleep early. You're in for an adventurous vacation, so fight that jet lag now.

**TROLLEY WITH TOP OF ZURICH** ~ The perfect combination - an informative city tour of Switzerland's capital city and a train trip up to 'Top of Zurich.' Discover the sights of lovely Zurich aboard the unique 'Classic Trolley.' Then continue with a stunning train trip to Uetliberg. At 2613 ft. above sea level, Uetliberg towers over the roofs of Zurich. From this vantage you will enjoy magnificent views that extend over the town and across the lake to the Alps. This tour is the perfect opportunity to get the lay of the land and to take your first

breath-taking photographs.



## DAY 2 ~ ZURICH

After breakfast you will be picked up at your hotel for your remarkable full-day sightseeing tour to beautiful Mount Titlis, famous as the site of the world's first revolving cable car. After this full-day tour you will be free to spend the evening as you please. The residents of Zurich are well known for being demanding audiences of dance, music and theater so consider using the evening to enjoy some of the fantastic cultural opportunities.

### MT TITLIS- GLACIER PARADISE TOUR~

Enjoy an adventure excursion to the highest viewpoint in Central Switzerland. Begin with a relaxing and beautiful drive to Engelberg, where you will board the aerial cableway for a 45-minute journey from the green valley to the high, alpine glacier region. At 10,000 ft. you are guaranteed snow year round. Enjoy a magnificent ride in the world's first ever revolving 'ROTAIR' gondola, which offers a 360 degree panoramic view of the Alps. Visit the Ice Grotto and experience the new "Ice Flyer,"

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a chair lift ride over the glacier with fantastic views into crevasses and ice falls. After the descent back to Engelberg you will drive to Lucerne, where you will enjoy about an hour sightseeing and shopping before you are brought back to Zurich.



### DAY 3 ~ ZURICH

After breakfast, make your way to your designated meeting point for your tour

to Heidiland. This popular tourism area is named after the Heidi books and captures the quintessential Switzerland of everyone's imagination. After the tour you will be returned to downtown, free to spend the evening at leisure.

#### HEIDLAND- GREAT COUNTRY TOUR ~

Heidi's world is not only a children's fairy tale; it really exists! After a tour of Zurich you will follow the lake to the picturesque Old Town of Rapperswil and visit its medieval castle. After crossing the Ricken Pass, you will reach the lovely Toggenburg region, famed for its picturesque scenery of green hills and valleys. In Vaduz, the capital of the tiny Principality of Lichtenstein, you will enjoy some leisure time to explore this unique city. You will then continue on to the Maienfeld area, the settings of Heidi's story. In the summer months you can visit Heidi's village. Just a short walk leads to a collection of typical mountain houses, a village shop, and of course- lots of little goats. Your trip ends with a beautiful ride back to Zurich along Lake Walen.



### DAY 4 ~ TRAVEL TO INTERLAKEN

Eat breakfast and then pack your bags, because today you will take the train from Zurich to the adventurous destination of Interlaken. Meet your transfer representative in the lobby for your ride to the station. You will then board the train. Once you've arrived,

meet your transfer and go to your hotel. You then have the afternoon to yourself. Interlaken has the highest concentration of souvenir shops in Switzerland so you may want to use this evening to go shop for gifts for your family and friends back home.



### DAY 5 ~ INTERLAKEN

After an early breakfast you will meet your tour guide for a full-day mountain

excursion to Eiger, Grindelwald and Jungfrau. After the tour you are free to relax on your own for the rest of the evening. Tonight explore some of Switzerland's eclectic food choices. Due to the country's unique location and multiple cultures it has diverse culinary offerings.

#### EIGER, GRINDELWALD, AND JUNGFRAU

**TOUR~** An unforgettable Alpine tour to the majestic world of the Jungfrauoch - the Top of Europe at 11,333 ft. A scenic, private guided tour will take you to the magnificent mountain world of the Bernese Oberland. After a short interlude in Lauterbrunnen you will board the cogwheel train for a magnificent mountain train trip via Kleine Scheidegg, which sits at the foot of the famous Eiger North Face to Jungfrauoch. Enjoy the incredible world of eternal snow and ice. Visit the Ice Palace. Experience the breathtaking panorama view from the Sphinx Observation Terrace overlooking the Aletsch Glacier, Europe's longest glacier, and the snow-capped peaks of the neighboring countries. The downward mountain trip takes you to Grindelwald where your driver will take you back to Interlaken.



### DAY 6 ~ INTERLAKEN

Interlaken and the surrounding Bernese Oberland is well known as a destination for outdoor activities. Make sure to eat breakfast and then use the day

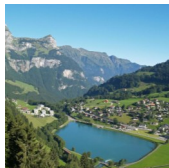


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to explore. If visiting during the winter months, go downhill or cross-country skiing. The city has good access to several skiing/snowboarding areas and rental equipment is available in town. Additionally, Interlaken offers other winter sports, such as sledding, ice-skating and night sledding. Summer in Interlaken offers equally exciting outdoor activities to fill your time. There are sports to complement all tastes and fitness levels- from adventure sports like paragliding, bungee jumping or skydiving to more relaxing activities like sailing, biking, swimming or hiking. Walk along the shores of Lake Thun or Lake Brienz or hike Harder Mountain and then spend the evening relaxing and enjoying the local nightlife.



## DAY 7 ~ TRAVEL TO LUCERNE

After breakfast you will be met by your transfer representative in the lobby. He or she will take you to the station where you will catch the train to Lucerne. Upon arriving meet your transfer representative, who will escort you to your hotel. This afternoon you can relax and begin to explore one of Switzerland's top tourist destinations. Tourism in Lucerne has a distinguished presence that dates back to the mid-19th century. After a tranquil day, a lovely way to spend the evening is cruise Lake Lucerne on a beautiful steamer ship. Several companies offer lunch and sunset cruises with the option to join a special, themed cruise like the Fondue Boat, Indian Buffet, or Jazz Cruise. This is a great way to start your experience in the stunning city of Lucerne.

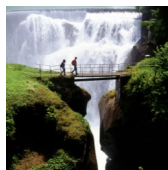


## DAY 8 ~ LUCERNE

Eat breakfast and then meet your private guide in the lobby. Lucerne is a

beautiful, small city in the heartland of Switzerland. Today you will see many of the important buildings and landmarks in this culturally rich city. This afternoon explore some of Lucerne's wonderful museums. The most notable of them are the Swiss Transportation Museum, the Richard Wagner Museum and the Rosengart Collection, which has well over 200 works by 23 artists of early modernism including Paul Klee, Cezanne, Chagall, Mirò, and Picasso. The evening is yours to wander Lucerne's lovely streets or pop into one of its delicious restaurants. Lucerne also has an active and diverse nightlife, so feel free to explore.

**PRIVATE LUCERNE HALF-DAY CITY SIGHTSEEING~** Explore this beautiful city of Lucerne with a private guide. First you will visit the Chapel Bridge, which dates back to the 14th century and is lined with pictures of 12th-century city life and history. You will take a walking tour of the car-free Old Town and the Museggmauer, which is part of the historic town's fortification. Lastly you will visit the figure of the dying lion, which is carved straight into a rock face in remembrance of the heroic death of Swiss guards killed during an attack on the Tuileries in 1792 during the French Revolution. At the end of this amazing tour you will be returned to your hotel or dropped off in the city center.



## DAY 9 ~ LUCERNE

Eat a good breakfast and then make your way to the designated meeting point for a full-day tour commonly known as the Golden Roundtrip. This multi-leg trip will have you on almost every form of transportation and will give you an all-encompassing impression of the region and its unique Alpine culture. After the tour you have the rest of the night at leisure. Take your last night to marvel at the majesty of



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Switzerland's mountains and the friendliness of the people before heading back to the hotel to pack and get ready for your trip home.

**MOUNT PILATUS- THE GOLDEN ROUNDTRIP~** Lucerne's "own" mountain has many stunning sides - and on the "Golden Round Trip" you experience each and every one! A short guided coach ride from Lucerne takes you to Kriens, your starting point for the Golden Roundtrip. Travel by panorama gondola and aerial cableway to the summit of Mount Pilatus. A unique and impressive panorama of 73 Alpine peaks and countless lakes await you on Pilatus Kulm, some 7000 feet above sea level where several restaurants and a large sun terrace are located. A spectacular ride on the world's steepest cogwheel railway then takes you down to Alpnachstad, where you enjoy a beautiful hour and a half cruise across the lake back to Lucerne.



### DAY 10~ LUCERNE

Enjoy breakfast and meet your transfer representative in the lobby of your hotel. He or she will help you with your luggage and escort you to the train station. Here you will board the train for the Zurich Airport. Remember that some trains require you change trains in the downtown Zurich station, while others are non-stop, so be sure to pay attention to the schedules. Zurich airport is recognized worldwide for its modernity and easy travel conditions, so everything should be stress-free from here. Wave goodbye to the spectacular Swiss landscape as you take off from Zurich's Kloten International Airport.



### DAY 11~ HOME

Unpack and prepare for your next vacation with Europe Express!





The Matterhorn near the city of Zermatt

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The village of Weggis on Lake Lucerne



## Admission Tickets

1. Instead of simply buying tickets to the sights you want to see, consider taking a tour. This will benefit you in many ways.
2. Many of Europe's sights can have very long wait lines. By taking a tour you will often skip the line and make better use of your time.
3. You will receive explanations of what you see from local experts. This can enrich your experience and make it easier for you to understand the relevance of everything you see.
4. Don't waste your precious vacation time planning what you are going to do each day or shopping around for the right tour. By pre-booking your activities you can guarantee that you will see the sights you traveled around the world to see; make sure you have the best experience possible!

## Other Swiss Cities of Interest

There are many interesting cities in Switzerland and most of them can be accessed using the well-maintained and efficient Swiss rail system. In fact, it is so effective and timely that reservations are not even available on many routes. Below are a few suggestions on ways to deviate or add on to your Swiss adventure:

- **GENEVA** ~ This beautiful, French-speaking city is nestled like a sparkling jewel on the shores of Lake Geneva. Here everything exudes quality, elegance and a cosmopolitan lifestyle. The place is buzzing with people from all corners of the world. It has excellent restaurants, exclusive shops, beautiful parks, a vibrant cultural life and interesting museums. A practical aspect is that Geneva is geographically quite small. You can wander around the town in an hour, and it's easy to make quick one-day excursions into the idyllic surroundings.
- **BASEL** ~ Basel is the Cinderella of Switzerland, nestled on the borders of France and Germany, in the northern reaches of the country. Obscured from view for too long, Basel is now preparing for the ball and is ready to enter all with her beauty and charm! With one of the best-preserved medieval towns in Europe, a vibrant cultural and culinary scene, and all within easy reach of the Black Forest and the Vosges mountain range, Basel will be sure to scintillate the senses!
- **ZERMATT** ~ This picturesque city is perched below the famous Matterhorn, which is one of the highest peaks in the Alps on the border between Switzerland and Italy. Zermatt is famed as an excellent mountaineering and ski resort. Until the mid 19th century it was predominantly a farming community. Today it is a hub for outdoor activities and luxurious living- a must-see when traveling to Switzerland.

For information and reservations, please see your professional travel agent

