



Scenic Swiss: Lucerne, Zermatt, Interlaken & Bern

LUCERNE • ZERMATT • INTERLAKEN • BERN

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25-30 PAX

STARTS ZURICH

NOT INCLUDED

Experience Switzerland's peaks, scenic railways and historic towns on an eight-day loop from Zurich. Rise above Lucerne by cable car to Mount Pilatus, travel by train into car-free Zermatt beneath the Matterhorn, and cross the Bernese Oberland aboard the GoldenPass Panoramic Train. Gruyères, Bern's UNESCO-listed old town and Lauterbrunnen's waterfall valley add cultural and landscape variety before the journey closes at Mount Titlis on its revolving Rotair gondola. Seven nights' accommodation, breakfasts, dinners, airport transfers, long-distance coach travel, scenic trains, mountain excursions, a Tour Leader and tipping are included. Flights are arranged independently. This route suits travellers who want Switzerland's essential Alpine experiences connected efficiently within one week.

DAY

01

ZURICH · OVERNIGHT 1 OF 2

Zurich

Arrival in Zurich

You land at Zurich Airport and a transfer takes you straight to the hotel, with check-in from 14:00. Zurich is Switzerland's largest city, and if you land with daylight left, the old town and the lake are both an easy walk from the centre. Flights aren't included — arrange your own arrival and departure through Zurich, since the tour starts and ends here.

OVERNIGHT

Zurich

DAY

02

LUCERNE • OVERNIGHT 2 OF 2

Lucerne & Kriens

Lucerne tour & Mt Pilatus excursion

As you roam around during the orientation tour, you'd agree why Lucerne earns its reputation and fame. It sits right on the lake with the Alps rising behind it. The Chapel Bridge, a covered wooden crossing from 1333, is one of the most photographed structures in Europe spanning the across Reuss River. After a walk past the bridge and the rock-carved Lion Monument, the coach continues to Kriens for the Pilatus excursion via cable car, climbing to 2,128 metres for a panoramic view that takes in 73 Alpine peaks on a clear day.

MEALS

Breakfast

Dinner

OVERNIGHT

Zurich

DAY

ZERMATT • OVERNIGHT 1 OF 1

03

Tasch, Zermatt, Montreaux

A day escape into Swiss Alpine

Zermatt has been car-free since 1930 — only electric vehicles and horse-drawn carriages move on its streets — and the Matterhorn rises directly above the village in a profile clean enough to look designed. You reach it by a 12-minute train from Tasch, the last car-accessible stop on the valley road, then have the afternoon to wander Zermatt on your own, or pick any optional mountain excursions to Gornergrat, Matterhorn or Rothorn if you want to go higher.

MEALS

Breakfast

Dinner

OVERNIGHT

Montreaux

04

Montreux to Interlaken

Montreaux sightseeing & panoramic train

The morning is free along Montreux's lakeside promenade, an unexpectedly Mediterranean stretch of palm trees and flower beds with Chillon Castle visible down the shore. The main event is the GoldenPass Panoramic Train — two hours through Lavaux's UNESCO vineyard terraces and up into the Pays-d'Enhaut highlands before descending to Zweisimmen, with windows built specifically for the view. A short coach transfer from Zweisimmen station carries you on to Interlaken for the night.

MEALS

Breakfast**Dinner**

OVERNIGHT

Interlaken

05

Lauterbrunnen, Grindelwald & Iseltwald

Bernese Alps majestic valleys & mountain peaks

Today's circuit covers three valleys within an hour of each other.

Lauterbrunnen is the vertical one — a flat valley floor boxed in by 300-metre rock walls with 72 waterfalls dropping from the cliffs, including the Staubbachfall's 297-metre free fall. Grindelwald sits below the Eiger's north face, and Iseltwald, a small peninsula village on Lake Brienz, is the jetty made famous by Crash Landing on You. The coach returns to Interlaken for free time before dinner.

MEALS

Breakfast

Dinner

OVERNIGHT

Interlaken

DAY

06

BERN • OVERNIGHT 1 OF 1

Interlaken - Bern

Gruyères and Bern — a medieval hill town and the federal capital

Worth knowing before you arrive: Gruyères the medieval hill town predates Gruyère the cheese by several centuries, and has its own castle and cobbled main street to prove it. The afternoon moves to Bern, a UNESCO World Heritage old town since 1983, where six kilometres of arcaded streets shelter you from the weather past the 15th-century Zytglogge clock tower and the Gothic cathedral square. Close the day at the Bärenpark, where the city's heraldic bears live on the riverbank.

MEALS

Breakfast

Dinner

OVERNIGHT

Bern

DAY

07

ENGELBERG • OVERNIGHT 1 OF 1

Bern - Zurich

Engelberg and Mount Titlis — the highest vantage point in Central Swiss

Titlis closes the mountain sequence, and it's worth the drive to Engelberg to get there. Three cable car sections carry you up, the last of them the Rotair — the world's first revolving gondola — turning a full 360° on the five-minute climb from 2,428 to 3,020 metres. At the top: a glacier cave carved through the ice and a cliff walk across Europe's highest suspension bridge, with snow on the ground regardless of the season. The coach returns to Zurich by late afternoon.

MEALS

Breakfast

Dinner

OVERNIGHT

Zurich

DAY

08

ZURICH

Zurich

Departure from Zurich

After breakfast, check out and a transfer returns you to Zurich Airport for your departure flight, where the tour ends. Eight days, two mountain peaks, one panoramic train, one car-free Matterhorn village, 72 waterfalls, a medieval cheese town, and a federal capital's worth of arcaded streets.

MEALS

Breakfast

What's Included

DEPARTS FROM
Zurich

FLIGHTS
Not included

GROUP SIZE
25–30 pax

INCLUDED

- ✓ 7 nights accommodation at 3-star hotels
- ✓ 7 daily breakfasts at hotels
- ✓ 6 dinners at restaurant or packed meal
- ✓ Private or SIC return airport transfers
- ✓ Long-distance coach from Day 2 to Day 7
- ✓ 2nd Class return train ticket Tasch to Zermatt
- ✓ 2nd Class GoldenPass Panoramic Train Montreux to Zweisimmen
- ✓ 2nd Class return train ticket Grindelwald Grund to Grindelwald
- ✓ Pilatus Mountain excursion by cable car
- ✓ Titlis Mountain excursion by cable car and Rotair gondola
- ✓ Orientation tours by Tour Leader in Lucerne, Gruyères and Bern
- ✓ Tipping for guide and driver
- ✓ City and tourist taxes
- ✓ Tour Leader throughout

NOT INCLUDED

- Air ticket (unless stated as included)
- Travelling visa
- Dinner on first and last day
- Lunch daily
- Personal and travel insurance
- Attraction entrance fees (unless stated as included)
- Porterage
- Personal expenses