Alpine Crossing: Switzerland & Milan

ZERMATT · MILAN · INTERLAKEN · GRINDELWALD · LAKE COMO · BERN · ZURICH · SCHAFFHAUSEN · LUCERNE

10D 7N | 25–30 PAX | STARTS KUALA LUMPUR | QATAR AIRWAYS

Move between Milan's urban energy and Switzerland's Alpine landscapes over ten well-paced days. Begin with Lake Como, the Duomo and Serravalle's designer outlets before crossing into Switzerland for Zermatt, Grindelwald, Interlaken, Lucerne, Bern and Zurich. Stand beneath the Matterhorn in car-free Zermatt, ride the cogwheel train to Jungfraujoch at 3,454 metres, and visit Rhine Falls and Lucerne's Chapel Bridge between mountain journeys. The route balances landmark cities with unhurried scenery, making it ideal for travellers who want both without cutting either short. Return Qatar Airways flights via Doha, checked baggage, halal meals, guided touring and tipping are included.

DAY

01

KUALA LUMPUR

Departure from KLIA

Depart KLIA, transit through Doha

Check in at KLIA three to four hours ahead of the Qatar Airways departure. The flight routes through Doha for a connection only — no stopover — continuing on to Milan Malpensa, where you land the next morning local time.

DAY

02

MILAN · OVERNIGHT 1 OF 2

Milan

Arrive via Lake Como and Como town

Your guide meets you on arrival at Milan Malpensa and the group heads straight for Lake Como, an hour out. Wander the lakefront promenade, or take the optional cruise across to Bellagio, the village where the lake's two southern arms meet and one of its most photographed viewpoints.

The afternoon is yours to spend independently — Como's historic centre and cathedral square are an easy walk from the promenade, or simply take a coffee with the mountains reflected across the water.

OVERNIGHT

Best Western Hotel Golden Mile

DAY

03

MILAN · OVERNIGHT 2 OF 2

Milan

Duomo, La Scala and Serravalle Outlet

The morning covers Milan's historic core on foot — past La Scala and Castello Sforzesco to the Duomo, whose roofline of 3,400 statues is worth circling twice — before the coach heads out to Serravalle, one of northern Italy's largest outlet malls, where over 120 designer brands make for a different kind of shopping stop.

MEALS

Breakfast

OVERNIGHT

Best Western Hotel Golden Mile

DAY

04

TASCH · OVERNIGHT 1 OF 1

Milan — Zermatt

Into the Alps via Tasch

The coach departs Milan mid-morning and crosses into Switzerland en route to Tasch. Since Zermatt is car-free, a shuttle train carries you the final five kilometres up into the village, arriving by early afternoon — the Matterhorn visible from most points the moment you step off. The rest of the day is free: wander Bahnhofstrasse's watch shops and outfitters, or just find a view of the peak.

MEALS

Breakfast

OVERNIGHT

Mountime Hotel

DAY

05

GRINDELWALD · OVERNIGHT 1 OF 2

Tasch — Grindelwald

Montreux, Lake Blausee and Iseltwald

The coach leaves Tasch in the morning for a long driving day toward Grindelwald, with three stops to break up the distance. First the Château de Chillon on Lake Geneva's shore, a 13th-century island fortress reached by a narrow wooden bridge; then into the Bernese Highlands to Lake Blausee, whose water is startlingly clear even by Swiss standards and doubles as a filming location for Crash Landing on You; and a brief stop in Iseltwalt, the lakeside village from the same series, before arriving into Grindelwald in the evening.

MEALS

Breakfast

OVERNIGHT

Derby Hotel Swiss Quality

DAY

06

GRINDELWALD · OVERNIGHT 2 OF 2

Grindelwald

Lauterbrunnen and Jungfraujoch

The morning starts with a stop in Lauterbrunnen, at the base of a sheer-walled valley with 72 waterfalls — the Staubbach is visible from the valley floor. From there, the cogwheel train bores through the Eiger up to Jungfraujoch at 3,454 metres, the highest railway station in Europe, with views across the Aletsch Glacier. The coach returns to Grindelwald by evening for a second night in the same hotel.

MEALS

Breakfast

OVERNIGHT

Derby Hotel Swiss Quality

DAY

07

ZURICH · OVERNIGHT 1 OF 2

Grindelwald — Zurich

Bern and Rhine Falls

The coach leaves Grindelwald in the morning for Bern — compact enough to properly walk, six kilometres of arcaded streets under a 16th-century clock tower whose animated figures perform on the hour. From there it continues to Schaffhausen for Rhine Falls, Europe's most powerful waterfall by volume, where a viewing platform on the north bank puts you close enough to feel the spray, before the coach carries on to Zurich for the night.

MEALS

Breakfast

OVERNIGHT

Holiday Inn Rumlang

DAY

08

ZURICH · OVERNIGHT 2 OF 2

Zurich

Mount Titlis and Lucerne

Mount Titlis takes most of the morning: a sequence of gondola lifts from Engelberg up to 3,020 metres, the last of them the Rotair, the world's first rotating cable car, ending on a glacier terrace with a suspension bridge and snow year-round (optional excursion, 90 CHF). Afterward, the pace drops in Lucerne, where the wooden Chapel Bridge — built in 1333 and the oldest covered bridge in Europe — is the reason to slow down, before the coach returns to Zurich in the evening.

MEALS

Breakfast

OVERNIGHT

Holiday Inn Rumlang

DAY

09

ZURICH

Zurich

Old town, Bahnhofstrasse, then depart

The morning is unhurried by design: Zurich's old town straddles both banks of the Limmat, with guild houses, narrow alleys, and a clock face on St Peter's Church that's the largest in Europe. Walk down Bahnhofstrasse, one of the most expensive shopping streets in the world, before the afternoon transfer to Zurich Airport for the Qatar Airways flight home via Doha.

MEALS

Breakfast

DAY

10

KUALA LUMPUR

Kuala Lumpur

Arrival, tour ends

Touch down at KLIA via Doha in the early morning, and clear immigration and customs to close out the trip.

YOUR TRIP AT A GLANCE

What's Included

DEPARTS FROM	FLIGHTS	GROUP SIZE
Kuala Lumpur	**Qatar Airways**	**25–30 pax**

INCLUDED

- check Return economy class group ticket by Qatar Airways via Doha
- check Airport tax, check-in baggage (25kg) and meals on board
- check 2N stay in Milan, 4★ hotel
- check 1N stay in Tasch, 3★ hotel
- check 2N stay in Grindelwald, 3★ hotel
- check 2N stay in Zurich, 3★ hotel
- check Daily breakfast at hotel throughout
- check English-speaking tour guide — coach travel max 12 hours per day
- check Train tickets: Tasch–Zermatt shuttle and Lake Blausee entry
- check Hotel city tax
- check 1 bottle of water (0.5L) per person per day on coach
- check Tipping for guide and driver (Milan and Switzerland)
- check Tour manager service throughout

NOT INCLUDED

- Travel insurance
- Jungfraujoch excursion — 190 CHF per person including halal lunch
- Mt Titlis cable car — 90 CHF per person
- Matterhorn Gornergrat rail — 130 CHF per person
- Helicopter in Zermatt — 290 CHF per person
- Como–Bellagio–Como cruise — 30 EUR per person
- Rhine Falls rock tour — 30 CHF per person
- Harder Kulm sunrise/sunset — 50 CHF per person
- Ski equipment at Matterhorn — own expense
- Wi-Fi on coach
- Porterage
- Personal expenses (minibar, laundry, telephone)
- Any meals or services not specified in the itinerary