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SWITZERLAND

GRAND TRAIN TOUR OF SWITZERLAND - 4 STAR (TOUR CODE: 12997)

STARTS AND ENDS	TRAVEL PERIODS	EXPERIENCE	TRAVEL STYLE
Interlaken to Lucerne	May - September	Walk & Hike Rail	Rail Holiday Packages

Embark on a grand rail journey combining the most scenic Swiss routes: Golden Pass, Glacier Express, Bernina Express and Gotthard Panorama.

Highlights

- Board the **Bernina Express**, travel over circular viaducts and pass through winding tunnels before reaching Tirano in Italy where you change to the Bernina Express bus which will take you onwards to Ticino.
- Take the world-famous **Glacier Express** to St. Moritz. Enjoy some of the spectacular scenery Switzerland has to offer. Along the deep Rhone valley, the Glacier Express travels through an incredibly fascinating part of the Alps.
- An extraordinary journey with the **GoldenPass Line** through the wild and romantic Pays d'Enhaut through scenic villages along the shore of Lake Geneva.
- One of 2x Mountain Excursions with our Freedom of Choice at either **Gornergrat**, one of the most famous and truly spectacular experiences *OR* visit the **Matterhorn Glacier Paradise**, one of the highest vantage point in Europe.
- The **Gotthard Panorama Express** travels from the Mediterranean south to the traditional heart of Switzerland. From Flüelen you will take a boat ride over beautiful Lake Lucerne.
- **Interlaken** lies in the Bernese Oberland on an alluvial plain, between Lake Thun and Lake Brienz. The holiday destination, which is presided over by the three mighty mountains, Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau, is the starting point for numerous activities.
- The journey to the **Jungfraujoch** at 3,454 meters - **Europe's highest altitude railway station** - is a highlight of every visit to Switzerland. The Jungfrau Railways is an engineering masterpiece. The last section has been built inside the mountain itself, and the view through the panorama windows at the "Eigerwand" and "Eismeer" stations in the middle of the North Wall are a thrilling experience.
- **Montreux**, ideally nestled between the lake and the alps, is a land of contrasts. It's a kind of miniature Switzerland where visitors and locals have been living together for three centuries.
- Stay in the famous holiday resort of **St. Moritz**, in the heart of the Engadine Valley on the southern side of the Alps.

Entire Bonus

Peace of Mind, Every Step of the Way
This holiday package is carefully designed by our team to give you complete Peace of Mind, with access to trusted local partners and expert support at your destination.

Leading Industry-Accredited Switzerland Specialist
Swiss Travel is a leading, industry-accredited Switzerland specialist, combining genuine destination expertise with the strength and stability of an established travel group – so you can book with total confidence.

Travel through Switzerland's spectacular scenery during this exciting, 14-day independent rail adventure. This rail journey will take you to discover Switzerland's most celebrated tourist destinations from Interlaken to Lucerne.

Stroll down Interlaken, the gateway to the renowned Jungfraujoch, Europe's highest railway station. You are literally on top of Europe! From Interlaken, board the Golden Pass train. Enjoy a scenic rail ride until you reach Montreux. Montreux is a beautiful town that sits on the shores of Lake Geneva. From Montreux, take a train to Zermatt, a renowned resort town located below the majestic Matterhorn.

From Zermatt, board the fabled Glacier Express, the world's slowest express train. This scenic route will take you to the glitzy resort town of St. Moritz. From St. Moritz, board the Bernina Express which will take you to the sunny side of Switzerland, the Tirano region. From Lugano, travel to Lucerne aboard the Gotthard Panorama Express.

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights in an Interlaken hotel - ★★★★
- 2 nights in a Montreux hotel - ★★★★
- 2 nights in a Zermatt hotel - ★★★★
- 2 nights in a St. Moritz hotel - ★★★★
- 2 nights in a Lugano hotel - ★★★★
- 2 nights in a Lucerne hotel - ★★★★
- 14 Day Swiss Travel Pass in 2nd class
- Upgrade to 1st Class on the Gotthard Panorama Express
- GoldenPass Line from Zweisimmen to Montreux
- Glacier Express from Zermatt to St. Moritz
- Bernina Express train from St. Moritz to Tirano
- Bernina Express bus from Tirano to Lugano
- Gotthard Panorama Express from Lugano to Lucerne in 1st Class
- Seat reservation on the Glacier Express, Golden PassExpress, Bernina Express train and bus, Gotthard Panorama Express
- Daily Breakfast
- Jungfraujoch self-guided Mountain Excursion
- Ballenberg Open Air Museum self-guided visit
- Wine tasting self-guided experience in the Lavaux
- 50% discount on additional local rail tickets
- 50% discount on some mountain excursions
- Swiss Coupon Pass
- Guest Cards in Interlaken, Montreux, St.Moritz, Lugano, and Lucerne

Freedom of Choice Days

Freedom of Choice



Our Freedom of Choice program offers flexibility, by allowing you to choose from different options on pre-selected days.

Our per person price includes one tour on each Freedom of Choice day, as follows:

- One "Freedom of Choice" tour on day 5
- One "Freedom of Choice" tour on day 7
- One "Freedom of Choice" tour on day 13

Expand the itinerary below for more details.

Please note, if more than one room is selected during the booking process, our team will contact you afterwards to discuss options.

ITINERARY

Day 1 Interlaken

Make your own way to Interlaken and enjoy the rest of the evening at leisure in this beautiful town.

Overnight stay in an **Interlaken hotel** - ★★★★



INTERLAKEN | CREDIT IVO SCHOLZ

Day **2**

Jungfraujoch

Breakfast at the hotel to start your day.

The journey to the **Jungfraujoch** at 3,454 meters - *Europe's highest altitude railway station* - is a highlight of every visit to Switzerland. The Jungfrau Railway is an engineering masterpiece. The last section has been built inside the mountain itself, and the view through the panorama windows at the *"Eigerwand"* and *"Eismeer"* stations in the middle of the North Wall are a thrilling experience. The platform of the observatory is located right above the Aletsch Glacier. The *"Alpine Sensation"* a subway inside the rock connects the Ice Paradise with the Sphinx Hall.

Overnight stay in an **Interlaken hotel** - ★★★★

Breakfast



FAMOUS JUNGFRAUJOCH EXCURSION

Day 3 Interlaken

Breakfast at the hotel.

Discover Swiss heritage in a day! Since the 1970s traditional farmhouses, stables, bakehouses and barns, under threat from demolition, have been dismantled piece by piece and rebuilt in the **Ballenberg Open Air Museum**.

This living history museum has expanded to include approximately 100 residential and agricultural buildings from all over Switzerland. The museum really comes to life thanks to the authentic cultivation of useful plants, over 250 domestic farm animals and the demonstrations by craftsmen and farmers who work with traditional tools. Try your hand at rural crafts, and discover Swiss heritage and culture.

Overnight stay in an **Interlaken hotel** - ★★★★

Breakfast


BALLENBERG OPEN AIR MUSEUM

Day 4 Goldenpass Panorama Montreux

Breakfast at the hotel.

Your journey continues with the **GoldenPass Line** through the wild and romantic Pays d'Enhaut and through scenic villages along the shore of Lake Geneva.

Overnight stay in a **Montreux hotel** - ★★★★

Breakfast



PAYS D'ENHAUT | CREDIT: MARCUS GYGER

Day **5**

Montreux and Surrounding Area

Breakfast at the hotel and choose one of our Freedom of Choice activities included.

In the late afternoon a **Swiss wine experience** is included at Vinorama, located in the UNESCO world heritage protected Lavaux wine growing region; 3 wine tastings included.

Overnight stay in a **Montreux hotel** - ★★★★

Breakfast

Freedom of Choice Options

- **Chillon Castle self-guided visit:**

  One of the best preserved castles in Europe, found outside Montreux on an island located on Lake Geneva. **Castle Chillon** is amongst the most visited medieval castles in Switzerland and Europe. Successively occupied by the house of Savoy then by the Bernese from 1536 until 1798, it now belongs to the State of Vaud and is classified as a Swiss Cultural Property of National Significance.

OR

- **Olympic Museum self-guided visit:**

  Experience the home of the Olympics in Lausanne at the **Olympic Museum**, which houses permanent and temporary exhibits relating to sport and the Olympic movement. With more than 10,000 artifacts, the museum is the largest archive of Olympic Games in the world and one of Lausanne's prime tourist site draws attracting more than 250,000 visitors each year.



CHILLON CASTLE, LAKE GENEVA

Day 6 Montreux Zermatt

Breakfast at the hotel.

Travel from Montreux to Zermatt. Zermatt lies at the foot of the **Matterhorn** and offers plenty of things to explore. Enjoy a day at leisure here.

Overnight stay in a **Zermatt hotel** - ★★★★

Breakfast



ZERMATT: CREDIT: LORENZO RIVA

Day 7 Zermatt

Breakfast at the hotel and choose one of our Freedom of Choice activities included..

Overnight stay in a **Zermatt hotel** - ★★★★

Breakfast

Freedom of Choice Options

- **Gornergrat self-guided excursion:**

  Gornergrat, one of the most famous and truly spectacular experiences combining a cogwheel train ride from Zermatt to an altitude of 3089m. An iconic view of the Matterhorn awaits, along with 29 other 4,000m peaks. There are several stops on the way which are starting points for various hiking and walking trails.

OR

- **Matterhorn Glacier Paradise self-guided excursion:**

  Visit the **Matterhorn Glacier Paradise**. One of the highest vantage point in Europe at 3,883m - right next to the Matterhorn. A series of gondolas and cable cars are taken to the summit where breath-taking views await. The Glacier Palace is a highlight where a mystical world of ice and snow showcase impressive sculptures made of ice.



GORNERGRAT RAILWAY, MATTERHORN

Day 8 Glacier Express St. Moritz

Breakfast at the hotel.

Take the world-famous **Glacier Express** to St. Moritz. Enjoy some of the spectacular scenery Switzerland has to offer. Along the deep Rhone valley, the Glacier Express travels through an incredibly fascinating part of the Alps.

Overnight stay in a **St. Moritz hotel** - ★★★★

Breakfast



GLACIER EXPRESS

Day 9 St. Moritz

Breakfast at the hotel. Day at leisure.

The world famous holiday resort of **St. Moritz** lies in the heart of the Engadine Valley on the southern side of the Alps and very close to the Italian border. The stunning lake side setting makes this one of the best holiday destinations in Switzerland.

Use the **Engadine Guest Card for unlimited travel** on a number of **cable cars, funiculars** and **chairlifts**, as well as public transport. A recommendation is to take the funicular to Muottas Muragl. Other options include Corvatsch and Diavolezza.

Overnight stay in a **St. Moritz hotel** - ★★★★

Breakfast



ST MORITZ | CREDIT: JAN GEERK

Day 10 Bernina Express Lugano

Breakfast at the hotel.

Board the **Bernina Express**, travel over circular viaducts and pass through winding tunnels before reaching Tirano in Italy.

Change to the Bernina Express bus which will take you onwards to **Ticino**.

Lugano, the largest town in Ticino, is a town with a Mediterranean flair, with parks and flowers, villas and sacred buildings. Set on the lakeside Lugano is surrounded by numerous mountains offering splendid viewpoints, and boasts a traffic-free historic town centre with exclusive museums and a packed calendar of events.

Overnight stay in a **Lugano hotel** - ★★★★

Breakfast



BERNINA EXPRESS

Day 11 Lugano

Breakfast at the hotel. Day at leisure.

The **Ticino Ticket** provides access to **unlimited travel throughout the Ticino transport network.**
Additional discounts on funicular railway, cable car and boats are also possible.

A suggestion is to visit the landmark of Lugano, Monte San Salvatore, by funicular railway for magnificent 360° panoramic views over Lugano and the lake. A popular walk leads down through the beautifully situated Carona to Lake Lugano at Morcote. Taking a boat trip back to Lugano is a splendid way to round off the day.

Overnight stay in a **Lugano hotel** - ★★★★

Breakfast



PANORAMIC VIEWS OVER LUGANO

Day 12 Gotthard Panorama Express Lucerne

Breakfast at the hotel.

The **Gotthard Panorama Express** travels from the Mediterranean south to the traditional heart of Switzerland. From Flüelen you will have a boat ride over **Lake Lucerne**.

A few highlights of note in Lucerne include the 14th century covered wooden footbridge spanning the river Reuss and the Lion Monument which is a giant lion carved out of the wall of sandstone rock.

Overnight stay in a **Lucerne hotel** - ★★★★

Breakfast



GOTTHARD PANORAMA EXPRESS

Day 13 Lucerne

Breakfast at the hotel and choose one of our Freedom of Choice activities included.

Overnight stay in a **Lucerne hotel** - ★★★★

Breakfast

Freedom of Choice Options

- **Mt Pilatus self-guided excursion:**

  "Dragon Mountain" **Mt Pilatus**; an exceptional experience. The golden round trip starts with a relaxing cruise to Alpnachstad, from where the world's steepest cogwheel railway ascends to Pilatus Kulm 2,123m. Descend on the otherside by cable car and gondola to Kriens and return to Lucerne.

OR

- **Mt Rigi self-guided excursion:**

  Mount Rigi, known as the "Queen of the Mountains" is one of the most popular alpine excursions in Switzerland. The summit offers breath-taking 360-degree views over 13 lakes. A short cruise on Lake Lucerne will connect at Vitznau where the cogwheel train climbs to the summit. Return via cogwheel on the other side to Arth Goldau onwards to Lucerne.



COGWHEEL RAILWAY, MOUNT RIGI

Day 14 Lucerne

Breakfast at the hotel.

Your tour finishes in Lucerne. Own arrangements to your ending point in Switzerland.

Breakfast

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Upgrade to 1st Class Rail

Upgrade to 1st Class Rail throughout this itinerary.



Prices are dynamic based on travel dates. Please proceed to Book Now or Contact Us for details.

Luggage Transport Service

Luggage Transport:
Drop off luggage at hotel reception by 8:00am (Zermatt by 7:00am), collect at next hotel from 6:00pm (St.Moritz/ Zermatt from 7:00pm). Transport only between hotels. The service is available on the original direction and locations as per package itinerary.

Please note that clients are required to transport their luggage to the initial hotel in Interlaken and carry it with them from the last hotel in Lucerne. This pricing is applicable for a single piece of luggage, with a maximum weight restriction of 25kg per piece. If you are in need of any additional luggage, kindly contact our Sales team for further assistance.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE	LOCAL CURRENCY
French, Swiss - German, Italian, Romansh	SWISS FRANC

FROM price reflects the lowest available price within the advertised travel period (e.g. April to October). Pricing varies depending on travel dates, availability and demand, and may not be available on all departures. Higher pricing applies during peak and shoulder periods. Final pricing is confirmed at the time of enquiry or booking. Please refer to **Pricing & Price Conditions** for full details, including inclusions, exclusions and other conditions.

Please be advised that the seat reservation for the Glacier Express is non-refundable once confirmed. An additional deposit will be necessary to secure this service, and our team will reach out to you with further information.

We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit. The package price is based on 4-star accommodation.

Swiss Coupon Pass provides 2for1 discounts. It is not included in the package for Single travellers.

Package price is based on the journey starting in Zurich and ending in Zurich. Other starting and end points are possible but may be subject to a surcharge. This is a self-guided/independent package.

Swiss Travel Pass in 2nd class covers unlimited travel by train, bus and boat from days 1- 14