



SWITZERLAND

CITIES BY THE LAKES (TOUR CODE: 14972)

STARTS AND ENDS

Zurich to
Lugano

TRAVEL PERIODS

May - October

EXPERIENCE

Cultural
Rail

TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

Experience Switzerland by train with this 7-day journey through Zurich, Lucerne, Mount Rigi and Lugano, combining lake cruises, mountain views, and charming old towns in one seamless package.

Highlights

- Travel through Switzerland's heart on the **Gotthard Panorama Express**, a scenic journey combining historic rail routes with spectacular alpine landscapes
- Stroll along **Zurich's** world-famous Bahnhofstrasse, a shopper's paradise
- Enjoy a leisurely **lake cruise** across Lake Lucerne to the peaceful village of Vitznau
- Reach the summit of **Mount Rigi, the "Queen of the Mountains,"** for panoramic alpine views
- Wander the lush Belvedere Gardens and Parco Civico in **Lugano**, filled with exotic plants and sculptures

Entire Bonus

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.

From the stylish streets of Zurich and the lakeside charm of Lucerne to the peaceful trails of Mount Rigi and the Mediterranean flair of Lugano, this itinerary offers a perfect mix of culture, nature, and relaxation. Travel by train, boat, and mountain railway as you uncover Switzerland's diverse regions, each with its own unique character and unforgettable views.

INCLUSIONS

- 1-night in Zurich in a 4* hotel
- 1-night in Lucerne in a 4* hotel
- 2-nights in Vitznau in a 4* hotel
- 2-nights in Lugano in a 4* hotel
- Daily Breakfast
- Rail ticket in 2nd class
- Seat Reservation on Gotthard Panorama Express
- Boat Cruise on Lake Lucerne
- Mount Rigi Day Pass
- Lucerne Guest Card - free local transport in Lucerne
- Ticino Ticket - free local transport in Canton Ticino
- 50% discount on additional travel by rail, bus & boat, mountain excursions

ITINERARY

Day 1

Zurich

Arrive in **Zurich** by rail and begin your Swiss adventure with a leisurely stroll along the iconic **Bahnhofstrasse**, the city's premier shopping boulevard. From high-end boutiques to elegant storefronts, it's perfect for some relaxed window shopping. Just steps away, the cobble streets of Zurich's old town invite you to explore a quieter side of the city, filled with charming artisan shops and historic architecture.

For those with more time, optional excursions (extra cost) are available to discover even more of Zurich's cultural and natural highlights.

Overnight in **Zurich** in a 4* hotel.



Day 2

Zurich Lucerne

After breakfast at the hotel, travel by rail to the picturesque city of **Lucerne**.

Nestled beside a serene lake and framed by a dramatic mountain backdrop, Lucerne offers the perfect blend of natural beauty and historic charm. Time at leisure to stroll around the charming old town.

Overnight in **Lucerne** in a 4* hotel.

Breakfast



Day **3**

Lucerne Vitznau

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy some more time in Switzerland's most popular resort before boarding one of the many lake steamers taking you across Lake Lucerne to Vitznau where you will be staying for the next 2 nights, beginning your 'green' escape.

Overnight in **Vitznau** in a 4* hotel.

Breakfast



Day **4**

Vitznau Mount Rigi Vitznau

After breakfast at the hotel, explore **Mount Rigi**, the Queen of the Mountains, with spectacular views and over 75 miles of hiking trails. Take the journey to the summit for stunning vistas of the lake and surrounding peaks. Discover the area on foot via numerous easy walking trails, especially around Rigi Scheidegg, where several exciting walks begin, perfect for all ages. Popular routes include the legendary 'Bench Walk' and the 'Dwarf Walk' near Rigi Burrgeist.

You may also choose to visit the *Thermal Spa at Rigi Kaltbad* (pre-booking required- extra cost).

Overnight in **Vitznau** in a 4* hotel

Breakfast



Day **5**

Vitznau Gotthard Panorama Express Lugano

After breakfast at the hotel, continue your journey to the sun-kissed city of **Lugano** in Switzerland's Italian-speaking region. Start your journey from Vitznau to Flüelen, then catch the Gotthard Panorama Express train to Lugano. Enjoy stunning views before overnighting in Lugano.

Overnight in **Lugano** in a 4* hotel.

Breakfast



Day 6

Lugano

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel, then spend a relaxing day discovering more of Lugano's Mediterranean charm. Wander through the elegant town centre, where arcaded streets and sunny piazzas invite you to slow down and soak up the laid-back atmosphere. Unwind in the lush **Parco Ciani**, nestled along the lakefront, or stroll the lakeside promenade to the picturesque **Belvedere Gardens**, home to vibrant camellias, magnolias, and striking modern art. Whether you're exploring or simply taking in the views, Lugano offers the perfect setting for a leisurely day.

Overnight in **Lugano** in a 4* hotel.

Breakfast



Day 7

Lugano

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and continue to your onward destination in Switzerland.

Breakfast

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French, Swiss - German, Italian, Romansh

LOCAL CURRENCY

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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.

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.

Itinerary can be booked in reverse. Package is based on a TAM ticket starting and ending in Zurich (other start/end points possible).