



## SWITZERLAND

# SWISS CULINARY HIGHLIGHTS BY RAIL: MONTREUX TO BERN

(TOUR CODE: 14973)

### STARTS AND ENDS

Montreux to  
Bern

### TRAVEL PERIODS

10 Jul 25 - 27 Oct 25 | 28 Apr  
26 - 26 Oct 26

### EXPERIENCE

Food & Wine  
Cultural  
Rail

### TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

Savour Swiss culinary highlights on a 7-day escape, think lakeside castles, vineyard tastings, scenic rail, cheese tours & risotto under the stars.

## Highlights

- Tour the historic Maison Cailler, Switzerland's oldest chocolate factory
- Explore the medieval Chillon Castle on the shores of Lake Geneva
- Guided tasting tour of Lugano, sampling local specialties including white Merlot
- Participate in a traditional Risotto Workshop by Lake Lugano
- Visit to the Emmental region and interactive "Königsweg" cheese experience
- Free time in Bern to shop or visit one of over 200 local breweries and microbreweries

Explore the flavours of Switzerland on this 7-day journey through its diverse regions. Begin in Montreux with wine tasting in the UNESCO-listed Lavaux vineyards and a visit to Chillon Castle. In Gruyères and Broc, indulge in iconic cheese and chocolate experiences at La Maison Gruyères and Cailler.

Travel through scenic landscapes to Lugano, where you'll cook your own risotto at a traditional grotto. Discover Lucerne's charm, learn about Emmental cheese production, and finish in Bern with a guided tour and time to enjoy the local beer scene. A perfect blend of food, culture, and Swiss hospitality.



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

## INCLUSIONS

- 1-night in Lugano in a 4\* hotel
- 1-night in Lucerne in a 4\* hotel
- 2-nights in Bern in a 4\* hotel
- 2-nights in Montreux in a 4\* hotel
- Daily Breakfast
- Guided city tour in Lucerne
- Guided city tour in Bern
- Risotto Workshop in Lugano including Lake Cruise
- Entrance to Chillon Castle
- Entrance to Emmentaler Show Dairy
- 50% discount on additional rail tickets (local transport) and some mountain excursions
- Swiss Travel Pass 8 days in 2nd class

## ITINERARY

Day **1**

### Montreux

Travel individually to Montreux by public transport.

Upon arrival, visit the iconic Chillon Castle, one of Europe's best-preserved medieval castles, dramatically set on a rock along the shores of Lake Geneva.

In the afternoon, enjoy an excursion to the **UNESCO-listed Lavaux vineyards**, where centuries-old wine-making traditions thrive on sun-drenched terraced hillsides. You can add an optional wine tasting (extra cost) surrounded by breathtaking views of the lake and the Alps.

Overnight in **Montreux** in a 4\* hotel





Day **3**

### Montreux Centovalli Railway Lugano

After two nights in the French-speaking part of Switzerland, it's time to explore the Italian-speaking region. Travel by train through the Valais to Domodossola in Italy, then board the panoramic **Centovalli Railway** to Locarno.

From there, take a short train ride to Lugano, Ticino's largest city, where you'll join a **Risotto Workshop** in a traditional Ticino grotto. A brief boat trip\*\* across the lake brings you to Grotto San Rocco, where your host will guide you in preparing classic "Grotto Risotto," paired with local wine.

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

**\*\*Please note that from September to December, the workshop is held in Lugano's city centre without the lake cruise.**

Breakfast



Day **4**

### Lugano Lucerne

After breakfast, enjoy a **guided city tour of Lugano** with tasting stops featuring local specialties, including the famous



white Merlot.

Following the tour, travel by train to **Lucerne** where you'll have the afternoon at leisure.

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

Breakfast



Day **5**

Lucerne   Emmental region   Bern

After breakfast, start your day with a **guided walking tour of Lucerne** to learn about the city's history and daily life.

Then, travel to the **Emmental region** to Affoltern im Emmental for the interactive "**Königsweg**" experience, where you'll see how famous Swiss Emmentaler cheese is made and have the chance to taste it.

After the tour, continue to **Bern** for your overnight stay.

Overnight in **Bern** in a 4\* hotel.

Breakfast



## Bern

After breakfast, take a guided **walking tour of Bern's old town**, exploring its historic landmarks and charming streets.

The afternoon is at your leisure, use this time to shop for souvenirs in the famous old town or visit one of Bern's many breweries and microbreweries to experience the local beer culture.

Overnight in **Bern** in a 4\* hotel.

Breakfast



## Bern

After breakfast, individual return journey to your ending point in Switzerland.

Breakfast

## Montreux Gruyères Montreux

After breakfast, embark on a delicious journey into Switzerland's most iconic flavours. Travel from Montreux to Gruyères, where you'll visit La **Maison du Gruyère** and discover the secrets behind the country's famous cheese at a traditional show dairy. In the afternoon, satisfy your sweet tooth with a visit to *Maison Cailler*, Switzerland's oldest chocolate factory, where the rich history of Swiss chocolate comes to life.

Overnight in **Montreux** in a 4\* hotel.

Breakfast





## OPTIONAL EXTRAS

### Upgrade to 1st Class Rail

Upgrade to 1st Class Rail

Prices are dynamic based on travel dates. Please proceed to [Book Now](#) or [Contact Us](#) for details.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French, Swiss - German, Italian, Romansh

### LOCAL CURRENCY

SWISS FRANC

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.

Montreux Jazz Festival July 2026 can be booked upon request, subject to availability, rate changes, and minimum stay requirements.

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

### Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package