



Escorted Grand Train Tour of Switzerland

Zürich – Interlaken – Montreux – Zermatt – St. Moritz – Lugano – Lucerne

Discover the diverse regions and cultures of Switzerland on this 8-day `Grand Train Tour of Switzerland`. Explore the cultural differences within the country and its 4 languages, taking in some spectacular countryside and staying in beautiful Swiss towns on the way. It's a great opportunity to visit the very best of Switzerland on some of the most exciting scenic trains and sceneries in Europe.

Included services:

- 7 overnights with breakfast in Zürich, Interlaken, Montreux, Zermatt, St. Moritz, Lugano, Lucerne, 3* and 4* hotels
- Guide for 7 days
- Grand Train Tour ticket including 8 transfers in 2nd class
- Seat reservation for GoldenPass Line, Glacier Express, Bernina Express in 2nd class and Wilhelm Tell Express in 1st class
- Luggage transfers from first to last hotel (one suitcase per person)
- Excursion to Jungfrauoch (guided)
- Swiss Coupon Pass with 2 for 1 Dine & Discover offers en route worth over CHF1,800.

Good to know:

The Grand Train Tour attractions in the day to day itinerary are a selection, there is more to explore on the way. Guaranteed departure dates with a minimum of 15 participants (max. group size: 30 participants). English/German speaking guide included. Children price on request

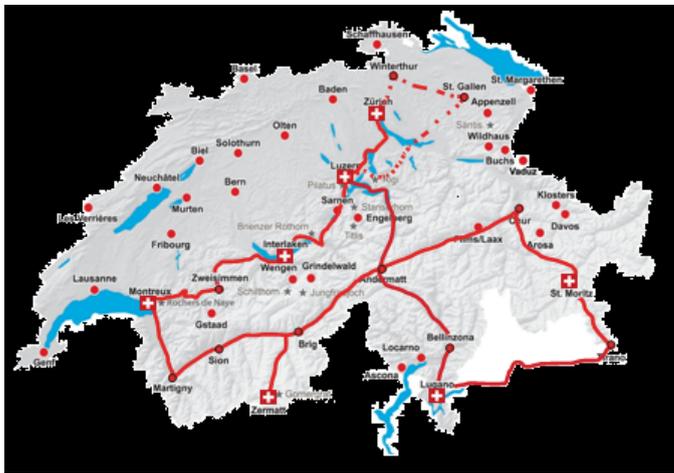
Swiss Coupon Pass:

Let yourself be regaled in a great selection of restaurants, discover touristic corners and attractions of Switzerland and experience genuine Swiss traditions during various sightseeing trips. With the Swiss Coupon Pass you experience the diversity of Switzerland and profit from "2 for 1" offers and other great discounts in 11 different destinations (representing a total value of over CHF 1'800). Let yourself be inspired by our broad selection of offers which will accompany you on your trip through Switzerland. Destinations: Basel | Bern | Geneva | Interlaken| Lucerne | Lugano | Montreux | St. Gallen | St. Moritz | Zermatt | Zurich.

Escorted Grand Train Tour of Switzerland	double	single
Price per person in US\$		
Tour 1: 16 May - 23 May 2015	\$ 2219	\$ 2499
Tour 2: 01 August - 08 August 2015	\$ 2282	\$ 2525
Tour 3: 26.09. - 03.10.2015	\$ 2242	\$ 2510

Prices are subject to change due to currency fluctuation and other factors out of our control.

For questions, availability and bookings, please contact: RSI at 1-800-551-2085.



Day 1: Arrival Zürich

After arrival in Zürich take the train and go to your hotel for check in. As a "metropolis of experiences" by the water, with a magnificent view of the snowcapped Alps on the horizon, Zürich offers a unique mixture of attractions – over 50 museums and more than 100 art galleries. Depending on arrival time, opportunity to discover the world famous shopping mile, Bahnhofstrasse or stroll along the banks of Lake Zürich. Overnight in Swissotel 4* or similar in Zürich.

Day 2: Zürich – Lucerne - Golden Pass Line -Interlaken

Train travel to Lucerne then continue past romantic waterfalls and over the magnificent Brünig mountain pass and arrive in Interlaken. The city lies in the Bernese Oberland on an alluvial plain, between Lake Thun and Lake

Brienzi. The vacation destination is presided over by the three mighty mountains, Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau. Overnight in Hotel Carlton-Europe 3* or similar in Interlaken.

Day 3: Interlaken – Montreux (Jungfrauoch & GoldenPass Line Interlaken - Montreux)

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Take the train from Interlaken to the Kleine Scheidegg at the foot of the famous Eiger. Change trains to get on board of the Jungfrau railway and ride via 'Eiger Gletscher' to the Jungfrauoch – the highest railway station in Europe at 3454 m with some breathtaking views of the Aletsch glacier at 22 km the longest in the Alps and an UNESCO World Heritage site. Continue your journey on the Golden Pass line. Along the shores of Lake Thun you reach Zweisimmen and the world known holiday resort of Gstaad. Further on through the wild romantic Pays d'Enhaut with the scenic villages of Château d'Oex and Montbovon continues the journey through a tunnel before the panoramic view of the Lake Geneva and Montreux opens in front of you. Overnight in Hotel Helvetie 3* or similar Montreux.

Day 4: Montreux – Zermatt (optional excursion Gornergrat)

Travel from Montreux to Zermatt. The rest of the day is at your disposal. Zermatt lies at the foot of the Matterhorn. The vacation destination is a car-free zone and has preserved its original character. After arriving in Zermatt you have the possibility to do a non-guided excursion to the Gornergrat (payment on spot). A trip up the exhilarating open air Gornergrat railway is not to be missed, for unrivalled views over the 4000m peaks surrounding Zermatt. Or enjoy your leisure time to go hiking and do some souvenir shopping. Overnight in Hotel Perren 3* or similar in Zermatt.

Day 5: Zermatt – St. Moritz (Glacier Express)

In the morning you take the world famous Glacier Express for a thrilling ride in the panorama carriage to St. Moritz. Take in some of the dramatic scenery Switzerland has to offer. Along the deep Rhone valley, the Glacier Express travels through an incredibly fascinating part of the Alps. The train drives on over the Oberalp pass (2,033m/6,670ft) and through the impressive Rhine gorge. After an exhilarating trip, you will arrive in St. Moritz. Overnight in Hotel Soldanella 3* or similar in St. Moritz.

Day 6: St. Moritz – Lugano (Bernina Express)

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Board the narrow-gauge Bernina Express in St. Moritz station and enjoy one of the most impressive scenic rail journeys Switzerland offers. Travel over circular viaducts and pass through winding tunnels before reaching Tirano in Italy which is the end of the Bernina Express rail line. The cross-border Albula and Bernina Lines between Thusis and Tirano owe their 2008 inscription into the UNESCO World Heritage list to stunning scenery such as the Schyn Gorge, Morteratsch Glacier and Brusio spiral viaduct. Change to the Bernina Express Bus which will take you onwards to Ticino. The Journey ends in Lugano – Southern Switzerland's largest town. Overnight in Hotel International au Lac 3* or similar in Lugano.

Day 7: Lugano – Lucerne (Wilhelm Tell Express)

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With the Wilhelm Tell Express you travel to the traditional heart of Switzerland. The journey takes you along the spectacular Gotthard route – an unforgettable trip through impressive countryside. You will travel by 1st class panorama carriage from Lugano to Flüelen via Bellinzona. A visit of Bellinzona is worth a stop and a recommended Grand Tour attraction. With its castles, walls, towers, battlements and gates, this impressive fortress is a source of wonder and amazement and UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2000. Continue your train journey. The train winds its way from 470 to 1100 metres altitude, disappearing into the 15-kilometre Gotthard Tunnel. In Flüelen board the historic Wilhelm Tell paddle steamer for the cruise across Lake Lucerne. Lunch is included and served on board. Lucerne is the gateway to central Switzerland, sited on Lake Lucerne, is embedded within an impressive mountainous panorama. Overnight in Hotel Waldstätterhof 3* or similar in Lucerne.

Day 8: Departure Lucerne

After your breakfast train transfer back to Zurich airport or depending on your departure time possibility to visit Mount Pilatus or to do the Pre-Alpine Express excursion.

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