



Scenic Switzerland from Zurich

9



Days

5



Destinations

Zurich →



St Moritz →



Zermatt →



Montreux →



Lucerne →



Zurich



 **DAY 1 Zurich to St. Moritz**

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Welcome to Switzerland! On arrival in Zurich, make use of your 8-Day Swiss Pass for the scenic rail journey to historic St. Moritz and check in at your hotel for a two-night stay. Take a relaxing stroll around the lake and enjoy the chic town itself, the first real alpine holiday destination for the international jet set. St. Moritz is said to enjoy some of the freshest air in Europe and is the official home of Alpine sports. Your visit might even coincide with a tobogganing race down the historical

'Cresta Run' which dates back to 1885, or the city center ice skating ring in the summer. At night, enjoy some of the classic glitz and glamour of the St. Moritz Casino. (Overnight in St. Moritz)

DAY 2 Bernina Express Day Trip

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After breakfast embark on one of the world's most scenic train lines south into Italy. the Bernina Express is a spectacular journey from the snowcapped heights of the Alps and the Bernina Pass itself, down into the lush Poschiavo Valley and vineyards surrounding Tirano. A stop is made for a traditional pizza in Tirano, before returning north again on the Bernina Express to melt away into the awe-inspiring scenery which changes drastically in the afternoon light. Make sure your camera batteries are fully charged because you are guaranteed to capture some amazing shots from the comfort of the panoramic carriages of the train. (Overnight in St. Moritz) B

Accommodation Options



Hauser Swiss Quality Hotel St. Moritz



Boutique Hotel Helmhaus Zürich



Sheraton Zurich Hotel

DAY 3 The Glacier from St. Moritz to Zermatt

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Today you enjoy the full splendor of Switzerland's most famous journeys, the Glacier Express. Early in the journey the train cruises over the impressive Landwasser Viaduct, which is a marvel of Swiss engineering from a bygone era. This train is otherwise known as the slowest express train in the world, and winds its way over numerous high passes and meanders past many small Swiss lakes and villages until pulling into Zermatt nearly 8 hours after departure. (Overnight Zermatt) B (**Between mid Oct and early Dec the Glacier Express train does not run, so the journey will be made on local trains, ask your Travel Consultant for more details)



DAY 4 Gornergrat Day Trip

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Today, take an exciting ride on the Gornergrat cog railway, which climbs from 1,604 meters above sea level to 3,090 meters in just 33 minutes, and is a marvel of 19th Century engineering. From the top, take in one of the most spectacular panoramas in all of Switzerland with the iconic outline of the Matterhorn as well as the surrounding peaks and glaciers all around you. You might be lucky enough to spot an Chamois or Marmot during your visit, and enjoy a stroll through the

nature reserve and maybe even enjoy a fondue. Take the same route back down to Zermatt where you can enjoy the numerous small bars and restaurants on the car free roads of this beautiful village. (Overnight Zermatt) B

Accommodation Options



3100 Kulmhotel Gornergrat



Schweizerhof Hotel Zermatt



Best Western Hotel Butterfly



DAY 5 Montreux

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Make the most of your Swiss Pass by travelling to Montreux via a quick change of trains in Visp at a time of your choosing, then check in at your hotel and head out the city. Perhaps a stroll along the lake to the picturesque Chillon Castle, or try your hand in the historic casino. In the evening enjoy a drink in the history Jazz cafe. (Overnight Montreux) B

Accommodation Options



Grand Hotel Suisse Majestic



Eurotel Montreux



DAY 6 The Golden Pass Line to Montreux to Lucerne

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Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before taking the short hop to Montreux, from where you board the Golden Pass train. This line rises steeply at first, passing sloping back gardens to one side and amazing views of Lake Geneva and the Swiss Riviera on the other. The train passes through a mountain tunnel at Jaman before continuing onto Chateaux d'Oex and Gstaad before peaking at its highest point of 4,179 feet before pulling into Zweisimmen where the lines change and so do the trains. From here the train follows the Simme Valley down into Interlaken between Lakes Thun and Brienz, and from here, makes one final change onto a train to Lucerne. On arrival in Lucerne, check in at your hotel for a three-night stay. (Overnight Lucerne) B



DAY 7 Day Trip to Mount Pilatus

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Today, enjoy a trip to the top of the steepest cogwheel railway in the world. First enjoy a scenic hours' steam cruise on Lake Lucerne to Alpnachstad where you then take the 30-minute ride which has an average gradient of 35%. The Cogwheel Railway operates between May and November, whilst at other times you can reach the top via a spectacular aerial gondola and cableway. At the top you'll find the historic Pilatus Kulm Hotel and restaurant where you can enjoy refreshments or you can enjoy one of the numerous walking trails, but beware of the legendary dragon who has magical healing powers and lives in the mountain. After soaking up the wonderful views, make your way back down the mountain massif via the jaw-dropping gondola and cable car to Kriens and a short bus ride to Lucerne. (Overnight Lucerne) B

📅 DAY 8 Jungfrau Day Trip

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After breakfast, take the short hop to Interlaken where you will board the historic railway line to Europe's highest railway station, at 3,454 meters above sea level. The Jungfrau Mountain is sandwiched between the huge peaks of the Monch and Eiger Mountains, and the Jungfrau railway line runs the final 9km in a tunnel through these two mountains from where you can still enjoy the spectacular views through windows built into the mountainside. It's hard to comprehend how such a railway was built in such harsh conditions as there are here in winter, particularly back in the early 1900s when this line was opened. Once you reach the top, however, you can only marvel in awe at the amazing view which on a clear day can be as far as the Black Forest of Germany and France. There is an ice sculpture gallery and the opportunity to take a walk on a glacier, as well as a restaurant and what is believed to be the world's highest chocolate shop. On your way back down the mountain, the route takes you through the village of Lauterbrunnen from where you get a good view of a gorgeous waterfall. Enjoy your final evening in medieval lakeside Lucerne. (Overnight Lucerne) B

Accommodation Options



Staff Pick
Romantik Hotel Wilden Mann Lucerne



Hotel Schweizerhof Lucern



Waldstaetterhof Lucerne

📅 DAY 9 Travel from Lucerne to Zurich

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Once you have enjoyed your breakfast and checked out of your hotel, take the one-hour rail trip to Zurich to continue with your onward travels. If you wish to extend your vacation, or take this journey in reverse, one of our Rail Specialists would be happy help you with all the details. B

Accommodation Options



Boutique Hotel Helnhaus Zürich



Sheraton Zurich Hotel

Trip Details

Trip Highlights

- One of the world's most scenic rail journeys onboard the Bernina Express
- Enjoy the spectacular Glacier Express through the mountainous heart of Switzerland
- Amazing Matterhorn views from the Gornergrat Cog Railway
- Beautiful Scenery of The Golden Pass railway
- Alpine Adventure via boat and cable car or the worlds steepest cog railway to the top of Mount Pilatus
- Highest railway station Europe atop the world-famous Jungfrau Railway

What's Included

- Travel to St Moritz from Zurich (or from any starting point in Switzerland)
- 2 nights' hotel stay with breakfast in St Moritz
- 2 nights' hotel stay with breakfast in Zermatt
- 1 night hotel stay with breakfast in Montreux
- 3 nights' hotel stay with breakfast in Lucerne
- 8-day standard class Swiss Pass
- Standard class seat reservations on the Bernina Express, Glacier Express and Golden Pass trains
- Day trip on the Gornergrat Cog Railway from Zermatt
- Day trip to the top of Mount Pilatus from Lucerne
- Daytrip to Jungfrauoch from Lucerne

Not Included: Roundtrip Air to and from Zurich.

AVAILABLE DATES: 10/1/25 – 10/10/25

Video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EBqR1ehwe-w>

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