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Magical Rail Journeys of Switzerland

From $2,299 per person // 7 days

Experience the best of Switzerland's jaw-dropping scenery with journeys aboard the famous Glacier Express and Bernina Express as well as a day trip to the highest train station in Europe at the top of the Jungfrau Mountain.

The Essentials

- The resort of Montreux on Lake Geneva
- The Golden Pass Route up to Interlaken
- A day trip up to the Jungfraujoch, the highest train station in Europe
- Journeys on the Glacier Express and Bernina Express

Tailor make your holiday

- Add extra nights & destinations
- Choose alternative hotels
- Upgrade your journey to First Class
- Let us suggest the most scenic routes

What's included

- Standard Class rail travel with seat reservations on the Glacier & Bernina Expresses and Golden Pass
- 6 nights' handpicked hotel accommodation with breakfast
- A day trip to Jungfraujoch – Top of Europe
- City maps and comprehensive directions to your hotels
- Clearly-presented wallets for your rail tickets, hotel vouchers and other documentation
- All credit card surcharges and complimentary delivery of your travel documents

- Suggested Itinerary -

Day 1 - Geneva Airport To Montreux

Arrive into Switzerland and make your way to Montreux by train. Geneva is the most convenient and has an airport train station, but you could also arrive into Zurich, Basel or Milan airports and still make the journey to Montreux fairly easily. If you take the train from Geneva, your journey takes you right along the shores of the lake with the French Alps rising majestically on the far shore. On arrival in Montreux, check in at the Grand Hotel Suisse Majestic (or similar) for an overnight stay. Montreux is a lovely resort town on Lake Geneva, famous for its annual jazz festival and its associations with Freddie Mercury, who lived there at the end of his life.

Day 2 - Montreux To Interlaken Via The Golden Pass

Leave Montreux today and return to the station for a journey on the Golden Pass route to Interlaken. Depending on the departure you have, you will either be in modern, panoramic gold carriages or Belle Epoque style carriages combining the ambience of the 1930s with modern comfort. Your journey takes you up above Lake Geneva before you continue through Alpine meadows, climbing up into the mountains to the ski resort of Gstaad before changing at Zweisimmen and continuing around Lake Thun and into Interlaken. Check in here for a 2-night stay at the Hotel Interlaken (or similar).

Day 3 - Interlaken And The Jungfrau Railway

Today, you have an exciting trip on the century-old cogwheel Jungfrau Mountain Railway up to Jungfraujoch, the highest station in Europe, perched on a mountain top at 3,454 metres above sea level. From the observation deck, you can see out across snow-capped peaks and the huge Aletsch glacier. Once you've admired the views and perhaps stopped for a coffee, it's time to head back down the mountain for your final night in Interlaken. Enjoy a leisurely dinner in town, or take a trip to the Harder Kulm, reachable by cable-car, for sunset drinks and mountain views.

Day 4 - Interlaken To Brig

You have a fairly short rail journey today between Interlaken and Brig. With your Swiss passes, you can travel at any time you choose (though we will give you suggested timings as a guide). So, you can choose to spend some more time in Interlaken this morning, visiting one of the lakes that give the town its name or discovering one of the other nearby mountain railways like Schynigge Platte or alternatively, you can move on to Brig in time for lunch. You'll be staying at the Ambassador Hotel (or similar), in easy walking distance of the town centre and station.

Day 5 - Brig To Chur On The Glacier Express

After a leisurely breakfast this morning in Brig, head back to the station. You won't need to go into the station building as the Glacier Express runs from a platform right next to the road! Enjoy a journey on 'the world's slowest express train' from Brig to Chur and take in some of Switzerland's most dramatic scenery. Pass through stunning valleys and gorges, cross an extraordinary 291 bridges, and hold your breath over the Oberalp Pass, a 2,033 metre high mountain pass connecting the cantons of Uri and Graubünden. On arrival in Chur, make your way to the ABC Swiss Quality Hotel (or similar) for a 2-night stay.

Day 6 - Bernina Express Day Trip

Enjoy the second of your iconic rail journeys as you board the Bernina Express and head towards Tirano. A truly magical four-hour journey through snow-topped mountains and glaciers, the train climbs to more than 2,253 metres and crosses an impressive 196 bridges before descending into Italy. There's time for a quick lunch and wander in Tirano, before you board the train back to Chur for an evening at leisure in the town's historic centre.

Day 7 - Depart Chur

Leave Chur today for your onward journey. You might like to head north to the famous resorts of Klosters and Davos or head east across the Austrian border to Innsbruck and Salzburg. If you wanted to discover more of northern Italy, we could look at just a 1-night stay in Chur and and one-way journey to Tirano with onward travel from there to Lake Como. There are plenty of options so just give us a call!

Pricing

From $2,299 per person

These prices are based on two people sharing a twin or double room. Single supplements will apply for sole occupancy. It is based on Standard Class rail travel and includes seat reservations as necessary. It is based on the best fares on the trains. If you travel during a peak period, particularly at short notice, then supplements may apply.