

# ***SWITZERLAND RAIL TOUR***



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## Switzerland by Train Self-Guided Tour & Flights

Duration: 13 days

Departs: 2024

Stay: 11 nights hotels

Travel style: Independent tour with flights from Australia

Booking code: SWRIV13M

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# 13 Days Swiss Rail Independent Tour & Flights

## About the holiday

This trip is an independent tour using Swiss Rail and seeing the best of Switzerland by world-famous rail journeys.

Explore this dreamy part of the world at your own pace. From the soaring Alps to the picturesque Swiss Riviera - set your sights on an active journey across Switzerland by train. Walk through centuries-old vineyards and taste unparalleled Swiss wine. Soak in views of the Matterhorn from the mountain town of Zermatt. Admire the landscape from your train window as you journey along the country's valleys.

Start with sophisticated Zurich and then see the land-locked country the best way, on world-famous scenic train journeys through the Swiss Alps. Experience the alpine wonderland of Jungfrauoch - Europe's highest railway station, explore cosmopolitan cities, charming Swiss villages and resort destinations like Lucerne, Lugano, St. Moritz, Montreux and Interlaken. Nestled between four countries, you'll discover a world of pastoral splendour, striking mountains and crystalline lakes.

## Why you'll love this trip...

- Enjoy the flexibility of independent travel with all arrangements made for you
- World-famous scenic train journeys through the Swiss Alps, including the spectacular Golden Pass Express, Gotthard Panorama, Glacier Express, Bernina Express
- Visit Jungfrauoch, Europe's highest railway station

## Travel dates:

Departs regularly from April to September

*Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price may vary depending on your travel date and please ask us for travel at other times of the year.*

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## Independent tour includes:

- **Flights** - International return economy airfare to Zurich
  - Fly from Australian cities with luggage included (surcharges may apply)
- **Hotels** - 11 nights accommodation in standard rooms, based on twin share
  - 2 nights Zurich
  - 1 night Lucerne
  - 1 night Lugano
  - 2 nights St. Moritz
  - 2 nights Zermatt
  - 1 night Montreux
  - 2 nights Interlaken
- **Meals** - Daily breakfast
- **Rail Pass** - Scenic train journeys including Golden Pass Express, Gotthard Panorama, Glacier Express, Bernina Express
  - Dedicated rail ticket in 2nd or 1st class, as per the itinerary
  - Includes seat reservation on all scenic trains
  - Self-guided excursion to Jungfrauoch, Europe's highest railway station

## Package excludes:

Airport & railway station transfers

Meals (other than daily breakfast, which is included)

Optional sightseeing, tours & activities

Any items not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry, tipping, WiFi etc.

Travel insurance is strongly recommended

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

***Subject to confirmation by airlines, hotels, rail company & local operators.  
Cancellation fees & booking conditions apply.***

## Itinerary:

### Day 1 - Fly to Switzerland

#### Day 2 - Zurich

*Grüezi!* Welcome to Switzerland. After your arrival at the airport, make your own way to the hotel and enjoy your first day at leisure. As a lakeside "metropolis of experiences", with a magnificent view of the snow-capped Alps on the horizon, Zurich offers a unique mixture of attractions. Start with the beauty of the city's natural surroundings and enjoy a city stroll.

*Check in: If arriving prior to standard check-in time, which is generally 3pm local time, you are welcome to leave your luggage with hotel reception and explore your surroundings until check-in becomes available. The hotel may grant early check-in, however this is strictly subject to availability and at the hotel's discretion.*

#### Hotel

3-star Bristol or Similar

#### Day 3 - Zurich

Wake up to a delicious Swiss breakfast, then take a stroll along the famous Bahnhofstrasse – Zurich's shopping paradise. A quick detour will lead you to the narrower cobbled streets of Zurich's Old Town and its smaller, independent artisan shops.

#### Hotel

3-star Bristol or Similar

#### Meals

Breakfast

#### Day 4 - Zurich- Lucerne

After breakfast, transfer by rail to Lucerne in Central Switzerland, situated in an enviable location surrounded by a stunning lake and mountain panorama. The historic town of Lucerne attracts visitors globally with its well-preserved old town, countless shops and restaurants. A visit to Chapel Bridge, which has stood the test of time as a traditional crossing for locals, is one of many highlights that are sure to impress.

#### Hotel

3-star Des Alpes or Similar

#### Meals

Breakfast

#### Day 5 - Lucerne - Flüelen - Gotthard Panorama Express - Lugano

This morning, the Gotthard Panorama Express takes you from the heart of Switzerland, with a journey through Lake Lucerne on a paddle steamer boat.

From Flüelen, travel by first-class panoramic train to Lugano, a picturesque lakeside town in Switzerland's Italian-speaking Ticino region.

**Hotel**

3-star Delfino Lugano or Similar

**Meals**

Breakfast

**Day 6 - Lugano - Tirano - Bernina Express - St. Moritz**

Board the Bernina Express bus after breakfast, and enjoy a scenic drive to Italy-based Tirano, where you join the Bernina Express panoramic train across the border back to Switzerland. You will travel over circular viaducts and pass through winding tunnels, with highlights including the Brusio Circular Viaduct and a photo stop at Alp Grüm.

Arrive in St. Moritz, a luxury alpine resort town in Switzerland's Engadin valley, and spend the rest of the day at leisure. This luxury alpine resort town, a favourite for celebrities and royals, is surely one of the world's most famous winter sports resorts. This was the first mountain village in the country to have a ski school, a tram and electric lighting. The Winter Olympics have been held here twice. It's a renowned ski destination.

**Hotel**

3-star Soldanella or Similar

**Meals**

Breakfast

**Day 7 - St. Moritz**

A full day awaits to explore St. Moritz, where guests from all over the world appreciate the modern Alpine lifestyle.

**Hotel**

3-star Soldanella or Similar

**Meals**

Breakfast

**Day 8 - St. Moritz - Glacier Express - Zermatt**

Ride the world-famous Glacier Express to Zermatt today, a village near the Italian border. Along the deep Rhone valley, the Glacier Express travels through an incredibly fascinating part of the Alps. The route famously takes you through 91 tunnels and 291 bridges, offering unrivalled views. Make sure to have your camera handy! Optionally, you may wish to dine at your seat with a delicious 3-course meal served on your table (additional charges apply).

**Hotel**

3-star Excelsior or Similar

**Meals**

Breakfast

### **Day 9 - Zermatt**

Zermatt lies at the foot of the iconic Matterhorn peak. The town's touristic development is closely linked to what is arguably the world's most famous mountain. This car-free resort offers guests an abundance of activities such as visits to the local mountains of Gornergrat or the Matterhorn Glacier Paradise. It is also home to the highest open-air cog railway in Europe.

#### **Hotel**

3-star Excelsior or Similar

#### **Meals**

Breakfast

### **Day 10 - Zermatt - Montreux**

Continue by train to Montreux, nestled between steep hills and the lakeside of Lake Geneva. The town's promenade is lined with flowers, sculptures, Mediterranean trees and grand Belle Époque buildings. Nearby attractions include the medieval island castle, Chateau de Chillon and the vineyards of the Lavaux region.

#### **Hotel**

3-star J5 Hotels Helvetie or Similar

#### **Meals**

Breakfast

### **Day 11 - Montreux - GoldenPass Express - Wilderswil**

Your journey continues by train on the GoldenPass Express through the wild and romantic Pays d'Enhaut, complete with scenic villages and crystal-clear lakes at every corner.

Interlaken is a laidback resort town, presided over by three mighty mountains, Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau. It makes a great base from which to explore the Bernese Oberland. Unprecedented views of the Swiss Alps give an impression of the spectacular surrounds. Höheweg, the main promenade of Interlaken, is lovely for a stroll. It runs from Lake Brienz to Lake Thun, with gardens and parks on one side allowing for a view of the Bernese Alps. On the other side you'll find high-end hotels, boutiques, cafes and the casino.

#### **Hotel**

3-star Bären or Similar

#### **Meals**

Breakfast

### **Day 12 - Wilderswil - Jungfrauoch - Wilderswil**

This morning you will embark on a self-guided excursion to the Jungfrauoch, also known as the highest railway station in Europe! You may choose to go via Grindelwald Terminal on the technical marvel that is Eiger Express cable car, or take the traditional route by train from Grindelwald via Kleine Scheidegg.



Highlights include the world's highest Lindt Chocolate Shop and the Ice Palace with its impressive ice sculptures.

#### **Hotel**

3-star Bären or Similar

#### **Meals**

Breakfast

#### **Day 13 - Wilderswil - Zurich Airport - Fly to Australia**

Today marks the end of your unforgettable tour through Switzerland. We hope you have thoroughly enjoyed your trip. Your train ticket includes the rail transfer from Wilderswil to Zurich airport, allowing you the flexibility to select a suitable connection for your departure flight. Trains via Lucerne typically depart every hour.

#### **Meals**

Breakfast

*Note: If you wish to conclude your journey at a Swiss destination other than Zurich, we can make arrangements for an extra fee. Please reach out to us to inquire about a personalized quotation.*

**Please note: The day-by-day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, rail conditions, road accessibility, public holidays, travel restrictions and many other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible in this regard.**

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#### **About the Glacier Express:**

The Glacier Express is a regular scheduled train between Zermatt at the foot of the Matterhorn and St Moritz in the Engadin skiing area. Billed as Europe's slowest express, it's a narrow-gauge train which takes 7½ hours to cover just over 290 km (180 miles), at an average of around 24 mph. But you won't mind, as spectacular Swiss mountain scenery unfolds outside the train's panoramic sightseeing windows while you eat lunch accompanied by crisp Swiss white wine (their Johannisberg white wine is wonderful). The Glacier Express is run jointly by two private Swiss railways, the Matterhorn Gotthard Bahn (MGB) and the Rhätische Bahn (RhB), who also operate the hourly local trains over the same route. In 2017 they formed a separate company to operate the Glacier Express, Glacier Express AG. There is one daily Glacier Express train in each direction in winter, but up to three daily Glacier Expresses in summer.

## About the Bernina Express:

The fabulous *Bernina Express* is a narrow gauge train with panoramic sightseeing cars run by the Rhätische Bahn between Chur in Switzerland and Tirano in northern Italy. It's perhaps the most scenic Alpine train ride of all - although the Glacier Express competes for the title - and one of the most scenic train rides in the world. It forms part of an alternative slow scenic route between Zurich and Milan. You can ride it all year round, a completely different experience through Alpine snows in winter and through sunny green meadows in summer. So you should probably ride it more than once!

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