Scenic holidays SWITZERLAND 2022

Holiday Company

What is a scenic rail holiday?

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A scenic holiday connects a stay in two or more Swiss resorts with unforgettable journeys on the famous scenic rail routes.

No other country boasts such scenic splendour and you can explore it with ease on the railways, PostBuses, cable cars and lake cruises. Many of the trains have special panoramic carriages with huge windows, just perfect for viewing the glorious scenery.

Holidays can be tailor-made to your requirements. Each page shows the ways in which you can adapt that particular holiday. We can help you with suggestions on how to make the most of the lakes and mountains with your own personalised itinerary.

The map on the back cover shows the locations of the resorts and the scenic journeys between them. Upgrade to 1st Class for extra space and comfort; in addition the Glacier Express boasts a VIP carriage called Excellence Class.

Try travelling in the winter to see the dramatic Swiss scenery covered in pristine snow. A totally new experience.

Please call us on 0800 619 1200 and we will be delighted to help you plan your holiday



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DEFINED SCENIC ITINERARIES

Unbeatable value for money

These itineraries are designed to **follow a set route** around Switzerland, taking in the best lakes and mountains resorts, connected wherever possible on the famous scenic rail journeys such as the Glacier Express and Bernina Express. Your rail ticket also acts as a Half Fare Card, with up to 50% discounts on day trips and excursions.

HALF FARE CARD ITINERARIES

Ultimate flexibility

These itineraries offer some of our most popular combinations of lakes and mountains resorts, with the **freedom to add extra resorts and rail journeys** as you wish. The Half Fare Card also gives you 50% discount on exploring the surrounding beauty spots.

SWISS TRAVEL PASS ITINERARIES

Complete freedom to explore

The Swiss Travel Pass allows you to travel between any resort at any time on mainline trains, scenic rail routes, PostBuses and boats. There are suggested itineraries with fabulous lakes and mountains locations and your Pass also gives **unlimited free travel for scenic day trips**, as well as up to 50% discounts on mountain travel.

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HALF FARE CARD ITINERARIES

- 22 5 day Glacier Express holiday Brig & Chur
- 24 5 day Luzern-Interlaken Express holiday Lucerne & Interlaken
- 26 8 day Gotthard Panorama Express with two of Switzerland's idyllic lakes Lucerne & Lugano
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SWISS TRAVEL PASS ITINERARIES

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More holiday suggestions available at swissholidayco.com

Bernina Express

Crossing the Alps from the towering glaciers of the mountains to the swaying palms of Italy, the Bernina Express is the highest mountain railway in the Alps. This masterpiece of engineering skills, combined with the glorious surrounding landscape, has been recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



The train climbs to an impressive 2,223m to the Bernina Pass and offers breathtaking views from the comfort of the panoramic carriages as you ride over graceful viaducts, beside galleries hewn from the sheer rock, and see rushing mountain streams, glaciers and even an alpine garden. The duration of the rail journey from St. Moritz to Tirano is around 2½ hours. From Tirano, the comfortable Bernina Express Bus takes you through Italy, past Lake Como and on to the resort of Lugano in 3 hours.

Suggested holidays are shown on the following pages Defined scenic itineraries: 12, 20 Swiss Travel Pass itineraries: 32, 40, 42

Chur-Tirano - all year; Tirano-Lugano February-November.



Day trip from Chur, St. Moritz or Pontresina

Take a day trip on the Bernina Express to Italy with time for a leisurely lunch in Tirano. Enjoy crossing the Alps from Chur in around 4 hours or St.Moritz/Pontresina in around 2½ hours each way.



Glacier Express

A true highlight of a holiday to Switzerland is a journey on the Glacier Express. This is made all the more memorable with lunch served at your seat.



You need to set a full day aside for this remarkable journey from St. Moritz to Zermatt which takes over $7\frac{1}{2}$ hours for the complete route. Alternatively Chur to Brig is around $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

The journey in the 1st or 2nd class panoramic carriages takes you through unspoilt mountain scenery, deep gorges, gentle valleys and the impressive Oberalp Pass. The route features 91 tunnels and 291 bridges as it meanders its way across the Alps. Lunch is served at your seat while you watch the incredible landscape pass you by. English commentary is available through your headphones.

Suggested holidays are shown on the following pages Defined scenic itineraries: 12, 18, 20 Half Fare Card itineraries: 22 Swiss Travel Pass itineraries: 32, 40, 42

Available all year except 24 October-10 December.



Dining on the Glacier Express

Dining is a leisurely experience, whilst the ever changing scenery slowly passes by giving you a moving picture of the Swiss countryside. Your pre-booked lunch, which is freshly prepared for you in the galley kitchen situated in the middle of the train, is served at your seat along with any refreshments you may require throughout your journey.

Excellence Class

This VIP carriage offers superb service with guaranteed window seats, a dedicated check in and an in-carriage bar. Snacks and soft drinks are provided throughout the day, as well as a superb lunch including wines and followed by afternoon tea. This is a fabulous way to enjoy the journey during an anniversary or birthday celebration and is available at a supplement in addition to the 1st class prices.

Luzern-Interlaken Express

is part of the **GoldenPass route which continues from Interlaken to Montreux.**

This scenic panoramic train connects the two great resorts of Lucerne and Interlaken in a two hour journey through the very heart of Switzerland, along the shores of crystal clear lakes and over the magnificent Brünig mountain pass.

Spectacular views of the Swiss Alps will accompany you all the way, starting from Lucerne and along the lakeside to Alpnachstad where the Pilatus cog railway starts its amazing ascent. You then head for the Brünig Pass which, at a height of over 1,000m, links Central Switzerland with the Bernese Oberland.





The journey takes you through Meiringen, where the Reichenbach Falls were made famous by Sherlock Holmes' watery end. At Brienz we again travel along the picturesque lakeside to Interlaken accompanied by stunning views towards the Jungfrau mountains.

Panoramic carriages with first and second class seating.

Bistro Car

While you enjoy the journey savour a drink, snack or a meal from the Bistro Car (most trains).

Suggested holidays are shown on the following pages Defined scenic itineraries: 12, 16, 18, 20 Half Fare Card itineraries: 24, 28 Swiss Travel Pass itineraries: 30, 34, 38, 42 Available all year.



GoldenPass Line

connects with the Luzern-Interlaken Express route.

A memorable journey along one of the most picturesque routes makes an unbeatable way to take in the scenery for which Switzerland is so famous.

This special journey takes around 3 hours and can be enjoyed in either direction between Interlaken and Montreux. The first leg takes you to Zweisimmen via beautiful lakeside villages such as Spiez. The second part of the journey is on the GoldenPass train. A leisurely 2 hours through the stunning Simmen Valley and past Gstaad culminates in a dramatic descent through Les Avants to Lake Geneva.







First and second class seating is available.

There are modern, panoramic GoldenPass Line carriages on the journey between Zweisimmen and Montreux as well as 'Classic' dark blue carriages in the Belle Epoque style of the 'Orient Express' with plush upholstered seats.

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Available all year.

Gotthard Panorama Express

The 57km Gotthard Base Tunnel opened in 2016, but the Gotthard Panorama Express runs on the older, rather more picturesque route.

This is an enchanting journey combining a tranquil cruise along the length of Lake Lucerne with a train ride through the Gotthard mountains and the Italianate Ticino region. 1st class only.

Depart Lucerne for almost 3 hours of scenic cruising on the 1st class upper deck of an elegant motor boat or restored paddle steamer. This is one of Switzerland's most beautiful lakes with a shoreline dotted with idyllic villages; the cruise also passes by the historic Rütli meadow, birthplace of the Swiss Confederation in 1291.

At Flüelen, you transfer to 1st class panoramic coaches of the Gotthard railway and travel through the original 15km alpine tunnel. The looping track in this section of the mountains gives amazing views of the landscape. Continue down through the Ticino region to Lugano or change in Bellinzona for Locarno. A multilingual guide accompanies you during the 2½ hour journey.

The journey can be enjoyed in either direction. Both north and south journeys are perfectly timed for lunch on the lake (not included in the price).

Suggested holidays on the following pages Defined Scenic itineraries: 12, 16, 20 Half Fare Card itineraries: 26 Swiss Travel Pass itineraries: 38, 42

Available 15 April-16 October, Tuesdays-Sundays.

Travel on the route of the Gotthard Panorama Express is possible at all other times on a variety of boats and regional trains.







Arosa Line This delightful line climbs 1,000m in one hour from Chur, the old capital of the Graubünden region, to the attractive resort of Arosa. The journey starts at a sedate trundle through the streets of Chur before climbing into unspoilt nature and mountainous landscape through some of the most dramatic scenery before winding its way into Arosa. Available all year. Suggested holidays on page 42.

Centovalli Line Known as the 100 valleys, the line slowly meanders from Locarno in the Swiss Italian region of Ticino to Domodossola in Italy where you can join the main rail route through the Simplon Tunnel to Switzerland at Brig. The Centovalli Line twists its way past wonderful small villages in a constantly changing landscape before its final descent into Domodossola. **Available all year.**

Suggested holidays on pages 16, 42.

Lötschberg Regio Express This route has a faster tunnel but we prefer the original, 100 year old line! From Brig, you can enjoy impressive views of the Rhone Valley, a descent featuring incredible loops around the remains of the Tellenburg Tower and the imposing Kander Viaduct. The journey continues towards Spiez around the sparkling Lake of Thun. Available all year. Suggested holidays on pages 16, 36, 42.

Furka Line This wonderful journey is one of the most spectacular train routes in Switzerland. Originally built as part of the Glacier Express route over the Furka Pass, you can experience the lovingly restored steam locomotives and carriages as you travel over bridges and viaducts. The highest point is 2,160m and the views are simply outstanding.

Available June-October and reservations must be made in advance as there is limited availability. Suggested holiday on page 36.

Pre-Alpine Express Also known as the Voralpen Express, this line connects the historic towns of Lucerne and St. Gallen, taking in some delightful Swiss countryside on the 21⁄4 hour journey. You'll experience views over the rolling, lush foothills of the Alps as well as idyllic villages and shimmering Lake Zurich. Standing at 99m high, the Sitter Viaduct is Switzerland's tallest railway bridge. **Available all year**.

Suggested holidays on pages 14, 20.











Choosing your itinerary

The holidays in this brochure are based on three different rail tickets. The first section of holidays (green pages) include a special ticket with a defined scenic routing. The second section holidays (turquoise pages) include a Half Fare Card. The third section itineraries (yellow pages) include a Swiss Travel Pass.

Each type of holiday has a fantastic combination of lakes and mountains resorts which make for an unforgettable Switzerland holiday. We have selected the best value ticket for each holiday suggestion, depending on the duration and combination of resorts and journeys. The differences are described below, but please do call us on 0800 619 1200 if you would like to discuss your plans further with our specialist team.



Defined Scenic Itineraries

Unbeatable value for money - pages 12-21

This rail ticket is designed to follow a set route around the country, incorporating between 3 and 7 resorts in superb locations. The journeys between resorts are based wherever possible on the famous scenic rail journeys such as the Glacier Express and Bernina Express. Because the routes are set, the ticket price is able to be kept to a minimum. This means that if you are happy with the itinerary suggested, this is a cost efficient way to enjoy a two or multi centre holiday in glorious Switzerland. Your ticket also acts as a Half Fare Card, with up to 50% discounts on day trips and excursions.

Flexibility

Amend the direction of travel (as long as the route is adhered to), stay longer in any of the named resorts, upgrade hotels, choose bed & breakfast or half board (evening meal), upgrade to 1st class rail travel. We are happy to re-price your Defined Scenic Itinerary to one with a more flexible ticket if you wish to add more resorts or change the routing.

Half Fare Card Itineraries Ultimate flexibility - pages 22-29

These itineraries offer some of our most popular combinations of lakes and mountains resorts across Switzerland, with the freedom to add extra resorts and rail journeys as you wish, with no fixed duration. With a variety of journeys on all the famous scenic trains, there is bound to be a holiday to suit you, however, this type of ticket also offers the most flexibility to tweak the suggestions which we have given. Your Half Fare Card included in the price also gives you up to 50% discount on day trips you might want to take from your resorts, via the superb countrywide network of trains, lake boats, buses, cable cars and mountain railways.

Flexibility

Amend the direction of travel, add more resorts, change suggested resorts, add more nights in any resort, upgrade hotels, choose bed & breakfast or half board (evening meal), upgrade to 1st class rail travel. Upgrade to a Swiss Travel Pass if you are planning lots of day trips.

Extra nights and excursions can be added to all holidays

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Swiss Travel Pass Itineraries

Complete freedom to explore - pages 30-43

The Swiss Travel Pass allows you to travel between any resort at any time on mainline trains, PostBuses and boats. It therefore works very well for arranging itineraries which the defined routes would not cover, while still incorporating the amazing scenic train journeys. There are suggested itineraries for everything from short trips to 1-2 week holidays in fabulous lakes and mountains locations across the country. Your Swiss Travel Pass also gives unlimited free travel by train, bus and boat for scenic day trips from your resorts, as well as up to 50% discounts on mountain travel.

Flexibility

Amend the direction of travel, change suggested resorts, upgrade hotels, choose bed & breakfast or half board (evening meal), upgrade to 1st class rail travel. Swiss Travel Passes are available for 4, 6, 8 or 15 day holidays, so adding resorts/changing duration should be planned around these durations in order to achieve the best value.

Tailor-Made holidays

The holidays in this brochure are merely suggestions on ways to combine various scenic rail routes and the best lakes and mountains resorts. If you would like to create your own itinerary with a Swiss Travel Pass, we will be very happy to help you. We have access to 100s of hotels across the country and are sure to be able to help you.

Good to know

- When you stay in Saas-Fee or St. Moritz for 2 nights or Appenzell for 3, your hotel will provide you with a free travel card for local cable cars and mountain railways during the summer months.
- For stays in all mountain resorts, please note that certain cable cars and mountain railways have operating seasons of late June-mid October and December-March.
- Holidays are based on flights, but you may wish to travel by rail from the UK to your first resort. As well as enjoying the continental landscape, you'll have comfortable seats and the opportunity to stretch your legs.
- We are bonded with ABTA (W6262) and the Civil Aviation Authority (ATOL 3148), which protects any money you pay to us. You can find our booking conditions on our website: www.swissholidayco.com

8 day Mini Grand Tour of Switzerland with Jungfraujoch option

2 nights in Interlaken, 1 night each in Montreux, Zermatt, St. Moritz, Lugano and Lucerne

A special highlights of Switzerland itinerary for lovers of travel. Featuring GoldenPass Line, Glacier Express, Bernina Express and Gotthard Panorama Express

Day 1. Arrive and explore Interlaken for 2 nights

Flight from the UK to Zurich airport with rail travel to Interlaken via the scenic Luzern-Interlaken Express. Check in to your hotel and enjoy your first look around Interlaken.

Day 2. Free time in and around Interlaken

Enjoy the fabulous scenery with a cruise on the lakes or take a trip to Schynige Platte or the Schilthorn mountain. We have a special price on this tour of £86 if you decide to include Jungfraujoch-Top of Europe at 3,454m with amazing views over the glacier. The journey can now be via Grindelwald and the new Eiger Express cable cars.

Day 3. GoldenPass Line to Montreux for 1 night

Enjoy views of Lake Thun as you depart Interlaken and head into the mountains and the Simmen Valley. After a change in Zweisimmen, it's on to the alpine resort of Gstaad, before the famous descent with unforgettable views of Lake Geneva on your way down to Montreux. Spend an afternoon enjoying the delights of this impressive lakeside resort.

Day 4. Montreux, then travel to Zermatt for 1 night

The leisurely journey to Zermatt takes under 3 hours. You can therefore decide to linger in Montreux for lunch or head straight for the high Alps of Zermatt. From here, you could take a sunset journey to Gornergrat.

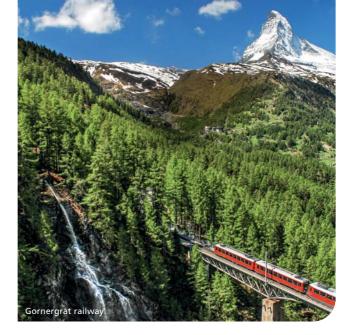
Day 5. Glacier Express to St. Moritz for 1 night

The full Glacier Express experience for a wonderfully slow and scenic journey across the Alps, where you can enjoy unbeatable views through your panoramic windows. The Oberalp Pass, Rhine Gorge and Landwasser Viaduct are all highlights of the route, as is the 3 course lunch served at your seat. Enjoy an evening stroll around St. Moritz.

Day 6. Bernina Express to Lugano for 1 night

The Bernina Express offers magnificent views of alpine forests and mountain peaks as you travel over the Bernina Pass to the Italian town of Tirano. After time for a quick lunch, board the Bernina Bus for a journey through Italian countryside. You'll cross back into Switzerland and catch your first glimpse of lakeside Lugano. There will be time for an evening stroll along the stunning lake shore.

Day 7. Gotthard Panorama Express - a 1st class rail and boat journey to Lucerne for 1 night Take another look around the elegant town of Lugano before starting your most enjoyable journey to



Lucerne. The 1st class panoramic carriages take you slowly upwards via the old Gotthard tunnel on looping mountain tracks, with some beautiful scenery to enjoy. On arrival in Flüelen in Central Switzerland you leave the train and join the paddle steamer on the 1st class upper deck, for a scenic cruise along the whole length of the lake to Lucerne.

Day 8. Last day

The one hour train journey to Zurich airport allows you time for a last look around and perhaps lunch in Lucerne before your flight to the UK.



Extra nights and excursions can be added to this holiday



Your Defined Scenic Itinerary

2 nights in Interlaken & 1 night each in Montreux, Zermatt, St. Moritz, Lugano and Lucerne Prices from £1,415 per person staying in 3 star hotels or £1,638 staying in 4 star hotels Include the train to Jungfraujoch-Top of Europe for £86 per person

Available: May-October

Price includes:

- Scheduled return flights from London to Zurich (flights are available from around the UK)
- 2nd class rail travel from Zurich airport to Interlaken and Lucerne to Zurich airport
- 7 nights' bed and breakfast accommodation as described based on two people sharing
- 2nd class rail travel between your resorts as described with reserved seats on the GoldenPass Line, Glacier Express including lunch and Bernina Express. 1st class travel on the Gotthard Panorama Express with reserved seats on the rail section
- Half Fare Card which entitles you to half or reduced price travel on all the excursions mentioned
- Fully detailed itinerary sent with all tickets
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

The Half Fare Card is valid on trains, scenic trains, PostBuses and most boats, mountain railways and cable cars. Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.



Adapt this holiday

- Reverse the direction of travel
- Add additional nights in Interlaken, Montreux, Zermatt, St. Moritz, Lugano or Lucerne
- Upgrade your hotel rooms
- Upgrade to 1st class rail travel throughout £103 per person
- Include half board £268 (3 star hotels) or £294 (4 star except Montreux) per person



8 day Explore Lake Lucerne and the beautiful Appenzell region in Eastern Switzerland and the Rhine Falls

3 nights each in Lucerne and Appenzell and 1 night in Schaffhausen

The buzz of Lucerne and the tranquillity of Appenzell with a cruise from Stein am Rhein to Schaffhausen

Day 1. Arrive and start to explore Lucerne for 3 nights

Flight from the UK to Zurich airport with rail travel to Lucerne. Check in to your hotel and enjoy your first look around Lucerne

Days 2-3. Lucerne and Central Switzerland

Lucerne, with its beautiful Old Town and lake is the perfect spot from which to explore the dramatic scenery of Central Switzerland. You should make time to cruise the lake and for the famous old cog railways to the stunning peak of Mount Rigi. Other recommendations include Mount Pilatus and the Stanserhorn.

Day 4. The Pre-Alpine (Voralpen) Express from Lucerne via St. Gallen to Appenzell for 3 nights

Leave the delights of Lucerne on this appealing journey on board the Voralpen Express. You'll cross Lake Zurich to Rapperswil and enjoy the rolling hills, pristine villages and the Sitter Viaduct en route to St. Gallen. Change here to the charming local line to Appenzell for the last 30 minutes of your journey.

Days 5-6. Appenzell and its fabulous landscapes

This delightful small town has a beautiful old centre with many buildings which are ornately decorated with frescoes and date back to the 16th century. You benefit from the **Appenzeller Card**, allowing you to explore the countryside around Appenzell for **free**. This walkers' paradise has a number of local cable cars taking you to stunning alpine beauty spots.

Day 7. Travel via St. Gallen to Schaffhausen for 1 night

You have a choice of travel options as your route takes you via the historic village of Stein am Rhein where you can either stop off to look round or even change to a 1¼ hour river cruise (April to October) to Schaffhausen. If you travel in the morning you can visit the Rhine Falls, the most powerful waterfall in Europe, which is just a few minutes away from Schaffhausen by bus or train.

Day 8. Last day

Zurich airport is less than an hour away leaving you time to enjoy a wander around the interesting town of Schaffhausen before your flight back to the UK.





Extra nights and excursions can be added to this holiday



Your Defined Scenic Itinerary

3 nights each in Lucerne & Appenzell and 1 night in Schaffhausen Prices from £1,068 per person staying in 3 star hotels or £1,279 staying in 4 star hotels

Available: All year

Price includes:

- Scheduled return flights from London to Zurich (flights are available from around the UK)
- 2nd class rail travel from Zurich airport to Lucerne and Schaffhausen to Zurich airport
- 7 nights' bed and breakfast accommodation as described based on two people sharing
- 2nd class rail travel between your resorts as described
- Appenzeller Card with free local and mountain travel
- Half Fare Card which entitles you to half or reduced price travel on all the excursions mentioned
- Fully detailed itinerary sent with all tickets
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

The Half Fare Card is valid on trains, scenic trains, PostBuses and most boats, mountain railways and cable cars. Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.



Adapt this holiday

- Reverse the direction of travel
- Add additional nights in Lucerne, Appenzell or Schaffhausen
- Upgrade your hotel rooms
- Upgrade to 1st class rail travel throughout £39 per person
- Include half board in Lucerne & Appenzell £259 (3 star hotels) or £315 (4 star)

Switch to a Swiss Travel Pass with full flexibility to add resorts or change the routing for £121 2nd class / £175 1st class per person. See pages 10-11 for details



8 day Hidden Treasures of Switzerland's lakes and mountains

2 nights in Interlaken, 2 nights in Locarno and 3 nights in Lucerne Charming scenic journeys Luzern-Interlaken Express, Lötschberg & Centovalli Lines and Gotthard Panorama Express

Day 1. Arrive in Interlaken for 2 nights via the Luzern-Interlaken Express

Flight from the UK to Zurich airport with rail travel to Lucerne to join the Luzern-Interlaken Express. Check in to your hotel and enjoy your first look round Interlaken and get your bearings.

Day 2. In and around the Bernese Oberland

Enjoy the fabulous scenery with a cruise around either of the lakes Thun and Brienz. Travel on the new stunning cable cars from Grindelwald to the Eiger station for spectacular walks or experience a different way to connect with the train to Jungfraujoch-Top of Europe. You may also like to consider scenic trips to the Schynige Platte and the Schilthorn mountain. Interlaken is a great base to explore the region but don't miss a visit to the Harder Kulm - Interlaken's own special mountain

Day 3. Travel on two lesser known scenic journeys to Locarno for 2 nights

Depart Interlaken by rail to Spiez and join the Lötschberg Line to Brig on the old, looping route via Kandersteg. Onward travel is by international train to Domodossola in Italy where you board the charming Centovalli Line to Locarno. Although there are three changes on this route it is well worthwhile to enjoy the changing scenery.

Day 4. Enjoy the Ticino region of Switzerland

Situated on the shore of Lake Maggiore and enjoying the balmy sunshine, Locarno really is an ideal place to relax and enjoy the dolce vita. As well as the sparkling lake, visitors are treated to beautiful views of the green foothills of the southern Alps. The famous Piazza Grande offers boutique shops and an inviting Mediterranean-style café culture. Your free Ticino Travel card gives you free travel to Bellinzona and its famous castles.

Day 5. Gotthard Panorama Express - a 1st class rail and boat journey to Lucerne for 3 nights

Firstly travel to Bellinzona to join the 1st class panoramic carriages of the Gotthard Panorama Express, which then takes you slowly upwards via the old Gotthard tunnel on looping mountain tracks, with some fabulous scenery to enjoy. On arrival in Flüelen in Central Switzerland you leave the train and join the paddle steamer on the 1st class upper deck, for a scenic cruise along the whole length of the lake to historic Lucerne.

Days 6-7. Lucerne and Central Switzerland

Lucerne, with its beautiful Old Town and lake is the perfect spot from which to explore the dramatic scenery of Central Switzerland. You should make time to cruise the lake and for the famous old cog railways to the stunning peak of Mount Rigi. Other recommendations include Mount Pilatus and the Stanserhorn.

Day 8. Last day

The one hour train journey to Zurich airport allows you time for a last look around and perhaps lunch in Lucerne before your flight to the UK.





Extra nights and excursions can be added to this holiday



Your Defined Scenic Itinerary

2 nights in Interlaken, 2 nights in Locarno and 3 nights in Lucerne Prices from £1,230 per person staying in 3 star hotels or £1,412 staying in 4 star hotels

Available: April-October

Price includes:

- Scheduled return flights from London to Zurich (flights are available from around the UK)
- 2nd class rail travel Zurich airport to Interlaken and Lucerne to Zurich airport
- 7 nights' bed and breakfast accommodation as described based on two people sharing
- 2nd class rail travel between your resorts as described with reserved seats on the Luzern-Interlaken Express. 1st class travel on the Gotthard Panorama Express with reserved seats on the rail section
- Half Fare Card which entitles you to half or reduced price travel on all the excursions mentioned
- Fully detailed itinerary sent with all tickets
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The Half Fare Card is valid on trains, scenic trains, PostBuses and most boats, mountain railways and cable cars. Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.



Adapt this holiday

- Reverse the direction of travel
- Upgrade your hotel rooms
- Upgrade to 1st class rail travel throughout £26 per person
- Include half board £270 (3 star hotels) or £304 (4 star) per person.

Switch to a Swiss Travel Pass with full flexibility to add resorts or change the routing for £146 2nd class / £208 1st class per person. See pages 10-11 for details



12 day Scenic Highlights tour of Switzerland

3 nights each in Lucerne & Interlaken, 2 nights each in Montreux & Zermatt and 1 night St. Moritz **Top resorts and stunning scenic rail journeys of the GoldenPass Line and Glacier Express**

Day 1. Arrive and explore charming Lucerne for 3 nights

Flight from the UK to Zurich airport with one hour rail travel to Lucerne. Check in to your hotel and enjoy your first look round the beautiful Old Town of Lucerne.

Days 2-3. Lucerne and Central Switzerland

Lucerne, with its historic buildings, charming boutiques and lake is the perfect spot from which to explore the dramatic scenery of Central Switzerland. You should make time for a lake cruise and the famous old cog railway to the stunning peak of Mount Rigi. Other recommendations include Mount Pilatus and the Stanserhorn.

Day 4. Luzern-Interlaken Express to Interlaken for 3 nights

The Luzern-Interlaken Express travels over the amazing Brünig Pass and alongside scenic Lake Brienz. This memorable journey takes two hours, so you will have plenty of time to start exploring Interlaken upon arrival.

Days 5-6. In and around the Bernese Oberland

Enjoy the fabulous scenery with a cruise around either of the lakes Thun and Brienz. Travel on the new stunning cable cars from Grindelwald to the Eiger station for spectacular walks or experience a different way to connect with the train to Jungfraujoch-Top of Europe. You may also like to consider scenic trips to the Schynige Platte and the Schilthorn mountain. Interlaken is a great base to explore the region but don't miss a visit to the Harder Kulm - Interlaken's own special mountain.

Day 7. GoldenPass Line to Montreux for 2 nights

Enjoy views of Lake Thun as you depart Interlaken and head into the mountains and the Simmen Valley. After a change in Zweisimmen, it's on to the alpine resort of Gstaad, before the descent to Montreux with fabulous views of Lake Geneva. Spend an afternoon enjoying the delights of this impressive lakeside resort.

Day 8. Montreux and Lake Geneva

Montreux is one of the oldest resorts in Switzerland, with cafés and a wonderful promenade which you can follow to romantic Chillon Castle. The mountain railway to Les Rochers-de-Naye is one of the highlights with spectacular views or as an alternative visit the vineyards at Lavaux.

Day 9. Travel to Zermatt for 2 nights

Today you travel from the Lake to the high Alps where you will get your first glimpse of the Matterhorn mountain which dominates this alpine village.

Day 10. Zermatt and the Valais region

Mountain railways and cable cars are waiting to transport you to the famous sightseeing spots

such as Gornergrat, the idyllic lake of Schwarzsee or Klein Matterhorn at 3,883m. The holiday atmosphere in car-free Zermatt is a joy in itself.

Day 11. Glacier Express to St. Moritz for 1 night

The full Glacier Express experience for a fabulously slow and scenic journey across the Alps, where you can enjoy unbeatable views through your panoramic windows. The Oberalp Pass, Rhine Gorge and Landwasser Viaduct are all highlights of the route, as is the 3 course lunch served at your seat. Enjoy an evening stroll around St. Moritz.

Day 12. Last day

Time for a look around St. Moritz, before you take the train back to Zurich airport for your flight to the UK.



Extra nights and excursions can be added to this holiday



Your Defined Scenic Itinerary

3 nights each in Lucerne & Interlaken, 2 nights each in Montreux & Zermatt and 1 night in St. Moritz Prices from £1,708 per person staying in 3 star hotels or £2,057 staying in 4 star hotels

Available: April-October

Price includes:

- Scheduled return flights from London to Zurich (flights are available from around the UK)
- 2nd class rail travel Zurich airport to Lucerne and St. Moritz to Zurich airport
- 11 nights' bed and breakfast accommodation as described based on two people sharing
- 2nd class rail travel between your resorts as described with reserved seats on the Luzern-Interlaken Express, GoldenPass Line and Glacier Express including lunch
- Half Fare Card which entitles you to half or reduced price travel on all the excursions mentioned
- Fully detailed itinerary sent with all tickets
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

The Half Fare Card is valid on trains, scenic trains, PostBuses and most boats, mountain railways and cable cars. Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.



Adapt this holiday

- Reverse the direction of travel
- Add additional nights in Lucerne, Interlaken, Montreux. Zermatt or St. Moritz
- Upgrade your hotel rooms
- Upgrade to 1st class rail travel throughout £137 per person
- Include half board £414 (3 star hotels) or £439 (4 star except Montreux) per person

Switch to a Swiss Travel Pass with full flexibility to add resorts or change the routing for £219 2nd class / £339 1st class per person. See pages 10-11 for details



17 day Grand Scenic Train Tour of Switzerland

2 nights each in Interlaken, Montreux, Zermatt, St. Moritz & Lugano, 3 nights in Lucerne, 2 nights in Appenzell and 1 night in Schaffhausen

Experience five scenic rail journeys with eight stunning resorts across Switzerland

Day 1. Arrive and explore Interlaken for 2 nights

Flight from the UK to Zurich airport with rail travel to Interlaken via the scenic Luzern-Interlaken Express. Check in to your hotel and look round the town.

Day 2. In and around the Bernese Oberland

Enjoy the fabulous scenery with a cruise around the two lakes of Thun and Brienz or travel into the mountains where there are many wonderful trips such as Schynige Platte, Schilthorn or the new route to the Jungfraujoch-Top of Europe via the Eiger Express cable cars.

Day 3. GoldenPass Line to Montreux for 2 nights

Enjoy views of Lake Thun as you depart Interlaken and head into the mountains and the Simmen Valley. After a change in Zweisimmen, it's on to the alpine resort of Gstaad, before the descent to Montreux with fabulous views of Lake Geneva. Spend an afternoon enjoying the delights of this impressive lakeside resort.

Day 4. Montreux and Lake Geneva

Montreux is one of the oldest resorts in Switzerland, with cafés and a wonderful promenade which you can follow to the romantic Chillon Castle. The mountain railway to Les Rochers-de-Naye has spectacular views or you could visit the vineyards at Lavaux.

Day 5. Travel to Zermatt for 2 nights

Today you travel from the Lake to the high Alps where you will get your first glimpse of the Matterhorn mountain which dominates this charming car-free, alpine village.

Day 6. Zermatt and the Valais region

Mountain railways and cable cars are waiting to transport you to the famous sightseeing spots such as Gornergrat, the idyllic lake of Schwarzsee or Klein Matterhorn at 3,883m.

Day 7. Glacier Express to St. Moritz for 2 nights

Join the leisurely Glacier Express train on its journey to St. Moritz. This wonderful journey takes 7½ hours in the comfort of panoramic coaches where a 3 course lunch is served at your table. Highlights of this classic route through the mountains include the Oberalp Pass, Rhine Gorge and the Landwasser Viaduct.

Day 8. St. Moritz and the Upper Engadin region

Lively St. Moritz is famous for its chic restaurants and shops. During the summer, your visit is greatly enhanced by the **Engadin Card** with **free** transport including mountain railways and cable cars.

Day 9. Bernina Express to Lugano for 2 nights

Magnificent views of alpine forests and mountain peaks as you travel to the Italian border. Change in Tirano to the Bernina Bus for a journey through the countryside before crossing back into Switzerland and lakeside Lugano. There will be time for an evening 'passegiata' along the stunning lake shore.

Day 10. Lugano and the Ticino region

Soak up the Italian style atmosphere of the attractive lakeside resort of Lugano. Take a relaxing lake cruise to the picturesque village of Gandria for lunch or enjoy the local mountains of Monte Brè and Monte San Salvatore for stunning views over the lake.

Day 11. 1st class Gotthard Panorama Express to Lucerne for 3 nights

A most enjoyable rail and boat journey. The comfortable train with 1st class panoramic carriages takes you slowly upwards on looping mountain tracks, with some fabulous scenery to enjoy. On arrival in Flüelen you'll join the paddle steamer on the 1st class upper deck for a scenic cruise along the whole length of the lake to Lucerne.

Days 12-13. Lucerne and Central Switzerland

Lucerne, with its beautiful Old Town and lake is the perfect spot from which to explore the dramatic scenery of Central Switzerland. You should make time for the famous old cog railways to the stunning peak of Mount Rigi. Other recommendations include Mount Pilatus and the Stanserhorn.

Day 14. The Pre-Alpine Express via St. Gallen to Appenzell for 2 nights

A charming journey on board the Voralpen Express, crossing Lake Zurich to Rapperswil. Enjoy the rolling hills and the Sitter Viaduct en route to St. Gallen where you change to the local line to Appenzell.

Day 15. Delightful Appenzell

This delightful small town has a beautiful old centre with many buildings which are ornately decorated with frescoes and date back to the 16th century. Around Appenzell is a walkers' paradise with a number of local cable cars taking you to stunning alpine beauty spots. Extend your stay to 3 nights and you'll benefit from the Appenzeller Card, allowing you to explore the nearby mountains for free.

Day 16. Travel via St. Gallen to Schaffhausen for 1 night

You have a choice of travel options as your route takes you via the historic village of Stein am Rhein where you can either stop off to look round or even change to a 1¼ hour river cruise (April to October) to Schaffhausen. If you travel in the morning you can visit the Rhine Falls, the most powerful waterfall in Europe.

Day 17. Last day

Zurich airport is less than an hour away leaving you time to enjoy a wander around the interesting town of Schaffhausen before your flight back to the UK.

Extra nights and excursions can be added to this holiday



Your Defined Scenic Itinerary

2 nights each in Interlaken, Montreux, Zermatt, St. Moritz & Lugano, 3 nights in Lucerne, 2 nights in Appenzell & 1 night in Schaffhausen Prices from £2,284 per person staying in 3 star hotels or £2,778 staying in 4 star hotels

Available: April-October

Price includes:

- Scheduled return flights from London to Zurich (flights are available from around the UK)
- 2nd class rail travel Zurich airport to Interlaken and Schaffhausen to Zurich airport
- 16 nights' bed and breakfast accommodation as described based on two people sharing
- 2nd class rail travel between your resorts as described with reserved seats on the GoldenPass Line, Glacier Express including lunch and Bernina Express. 1st class travel on the Gotthard Panorama Express with reserved seats on the rail section
- Engadin Card during the summer months offering free transport including mountain railways and cable cars around St. Moritz
- Half Fare Card which entitles you to half or reduced price travel on all the excursions mentioned
- Fully detailed itinerary sent with all tickets
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

The Half Fare Card is valid on trains, scenic trains, PostBuses and most boats, mountain railways and cable cars. Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.



Adapt this holiday

- Reverse the direction of travel
- Add additional nights in Interlaken, Montreux, Zermatt, St. Moritz, Lugano, Lucerne, Appenzell or Schaffhausen
- Upgrade your hotel rooms
- Upgrade to 1st class rail travel throughout £119 per person
- Include half board everywhere except
 Schaffhausen £633 (3 star hotels) or £640 (4 star except Montreux)



5 day Glacier Express holiday

2 nights in Brig and 2 nights in Chur Combining two historical towns with lunch on the Glacier Express

Day 1. Arrive and explore historic Brig

Flight from the UK to Zurich airport with rail travel to Brig. Check in to your hotel for your 2 night stay and enjoy Brig at the crossroads to the high Alps.

Day 2. Free day in and around Brig

Brig boasts the impressive Stockalper's Castle, a famous baroque palace which showcases the town's rich history. You could enjoy a day trip to the high alpine resort of Zermatt or lakeside Locarno on the picturesque Centovalli Line. Alternatively, you can head for the Aletsch Glacier, with amazing views of this UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Day 3. Glacier Express to Chur for 2 nights

The journey from Brig to Chur takes around 4 hours. You will be served lunch while travelling through the picturesque Goms Valley en route to the highest point of the journey, the Oberalp Pass at 2,044m. Before arriving in Chur you travel along the Rhine and through the Grand Canyon of Switzerland which makes a spectacular finale to your journey.

Day 4. Free day in and around Chur

Chur is Switzerland's oldest town and has a delightful centre. It also makes a wonderful base from which to explore the region. Travel on the spectacular route to St. Moritz for shopping and views of the high



Alps, alternatively try the charming resort of Arosa – the Arosa Line is another fabulous scenic journey that should be on your list.

Day 5. Last day

Time for a last look around Chur before you take the train back to Zurich airport for your flight to the UK.



Extra nights, alternative resorts and excursions can be added to this holiday



Your Half Fare Card Itinerary 2 nights in Brig and 2 nights in Chur Prices from £857 per person in 4 star hotels Available: All year except 24 October-10 December Price includes:

- Scheduled return flights from London to Zurich (flights are available from around the UK)
- 2nd class rail travel Zurich airport to Brig and Chur to Zurich airport
- 4 nights' bed and breakfast accommodation as described based on two people sharing
- 2nd class rail travel between your resorts as described with reserved seats on the Glacier Express including lunch
- Half Fare Card giving you half or reduced price on all excursions mentioned
- Fully detailed itinerary sent with all tickets
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

The Half Fare Card is valid on trains, scenic trains, PostBuses and most boats, mountain railways and cable cars. Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.



Adapt this holiday

- Reverse the direction of travel
- Add additional nights in Brig or Chur
- Upgrade your hotel room
- Upgrade to 1st class rail travel throughout £80 per person
- Include half board £183 per person
- Add an additional resort

Switch to a Swiss Travel Pass for £165 2nd class / £236 1st class per person. See pages 10-11 for details



5 day Luzern-Interlaken Express holiday

2 nights in Lucerne and 2 nights in Interlaken

Switzerland's best known resorts with a glittering choice of excursions

Day 1. Arrive and explore charming Lucerne

Flight from the UK to Zurich airport with rail travel to Lucerne. Check in to your hotel for your 2 night stay and enjoy your first glimpse of Lucerne.

Day 2. Free day in and around Lucerne

Lucerne has a beautiful Old Town to explore. Lucerne is also the perfect spot from which to enjoy travel around the dramatic scenery of Central Switzerland. You should make time for a lake cruise and the famous old cog railway to the stunning peak of Mount Rigi or Mount Pilatus. The Stanserhorn open top deck cable car and Klewenalp are also recommended.

Day 3. Luzern-Interlaken Express to Interlaken for 2 nights

Time to relax and enjoy your 2 hour journey over the Brünig Pass and alongside the scenic lake to Interlaken. After check in you will have time to get a flavour of this interesting town.

Day 4. Free day in and around the Bernese Oberland

Explore the lakes of Brienz and Thun which have wonderful cruises to idyllic lakeside villages. You could travel to the alpine viewpoints of Harder Kulm, Schynige Platte and the Schilthorn – or try the Brienzer Rothorn steam train, a treat for any rail enthusiast. Alternatively, travel on the remarkable new cable cars from Grindelwald to the Eiger station and enjoy spectacular walks or experience a different way to connect with the train to Jungfraujoch Top-of Europe.

Day 5. Last day

Time for a last look around Interlaken before you take the train back to Zurich airport for your flight to the UK.







Extra nights, alternative resorts and excursions can be added to this holiday



Your Half Fare Card Itinerary 2 nights in Lucerne and 2 nights in Interlaken Prices from £826 per person in 3 star hotels or £931 per person in 4 star hotels

Available: All year

Price includes:

- Scheduled return flights from London to Zurich (flights are available from around the UK)
- 2nd class rail travel Zurich airport to Lucerne and Interlaken to Zurich airport
- 4 nights' bed and breakfast accommodation as described based on two people sharing
- 2nd class rail travel between your resorts as described with reserved seats on the Luzern-Interlaken Express
- Half Fare Card giving you half or reduced price on all excursions mentioned
- Fully detailed itinerary
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

The **Half Fare Card** is valid on trains, scenic trains, PostBuses and most boats, mountain railways and cable cars. Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.

Adapt this holiday

- Reverse the direction of travel
- Add additional nights in Lucerne or Interlaken
- Upgrade your hotel room
- Change your stay to a quiet lakeside village such as Weggis or Brunnen instead of Lucerne
- Change to a car-free mountain retreat like Mürren or Wengen instead of Interlaken
- Upgrade to 1st class rail travel throughout £62 per person
- Include half board £143 (3 star hotels) or £179 (4 star) per person
- Add an additional resort

Switch to a Swiss Travel Pass for £142 2nd class / £194 1st class per person. See pages 10-11 for details



8 day Gotthard Panorama Express with two of Switzerland's idyllic lakes

4 nights in Lucerne and 3 nights in Lugano

A journey on the original Gotthard route showing Switzerland's contrasting regions and beautiful lakeside resorts

Day 1. Arrive and explore charming Lucerne

Flight from the UK to Zurich airport with rail travel to Lucerne. Check in to your hotel for your 4 night stay and enjoy your first glimpse of Lucerne.

Days 2-4. Explore Lucerne and Central Switzerland

Lucerne is the perfect spot from which to explore the dramatic scenery of Central Switzerland. It boasts an Old Town with a cuckoo clock feel and beautifully preserved buildings featuring their original painted façades. You will enjoy a cruise along the length of Lake Lucerne as part of your Gotthard Panorama Express journey, so during your stay you could focus on the mountains and enjoy the famous old cog railway to the stunning peak of Mount Rigi. Other recommendations include Mount Pilatus, the Stanserhorn open top cable car and Mount Titlis which is reached via Engelberg.

Day 5. Travel 1st class on the Gotthard Panorama Express to Lugano

Your next adventure is at a leisurely pace on the Gotthard Panorama Express. This unforgettable journey starts with a 2½ hour cruise criss-crossing beautiful Lake Lucerne all the way to Flüelen. Then

join the rail section of the route for the spectacular journey past the Devil's Bridge and through the original Gotthard Tunnel before meandering down into the Ticino region and a first glimpse of Lugano, your base for the next 3 nights.

Days 6-7. Lugano and the Ticino region

Lugano is a resort where the Italian influence affects all aspects of life, from the architecture to what you eat, and of course the shopping. Situated on stunning Lake Lugano, the town is also well placed for enjoying the mountains. Your **Ticino Ticket** gives you **free** travel on local trains and buses helping you get the most out of your holiday. You could visit the region's historical capital, Bellinzona, with three fabulous historic castles to explore or take a day to visit Locarno and Lake Maggiore, now only 30 minutes away by train.

Day 8. Last day

Time for a last look around Lugano before you take the train back to Zurich airport for your flight to the UK.





Extra nights, alternative resorts and excursions can be added to this holiday



Your Half Fare Card Itinerary

4 nights in Lucerne and 3 nights in Lugano Prices from £1,216 per person in 3 star hotels or £1,437 per person in 4 star hotels

Available: April-October

Price includes:

- Scheduled return flights from London to Zurich (flights are available from around the UK)
- 2nd class rail travel Zurich airport to Lucerne and Lugano to Zurich airport
- 7 nights' bed and breakfast accommodation as described based on two people sharing
- 1st class boat/rail travel between your resorts as described with reserved seats on the rail section of the Gotthard Panorama Express
- Ticino Ticket offering free bus and train travel around the region
- Half Fare Card giving you half or reduced price on all excursions mentioned
- Fully detailed itinerary
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

The Half Fare Card is valid on trains, scenic trains, PostBuses and most boats, mountain railways and cable cars. Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.



Adapt this holiday

- Reverse the direction of travel
- Add additional nights in Lucerne or Lugano
- Upgrade your hotel room
- Change your stay to a quiet lakeside village such as Weggis or Brunnen instead of Lucerne
- Upgrade to 1st class rail travel throughout £89 per person
- Include half board £225 (3 star hotels) or £332 (4 star) per person
- Add an additional resort

Switch to a Swiss Travel Pass for £160 2nd class / £250 1st class per person. See pages 10-11 for details



8 day Discover the gentle side of Switzerland's lakes and mountains

4 nights in Weggis and 3 nights in Saas-Fee

Picturesque lakeside Weggis combined with the hidden attractions of Saas-Fee and its surrounding mountains

Day 1. Arrive and explore the lakeside resort of Weggis

Flight from the UK to Zurich airport with train and lake boat to Weggis. Check in to your hotel for your 4 night stay and enjoy your first taste of this welcoming lakeside resort.

Days 2-4. Weggis and Central Switzerland

The delightful lakeside resort of Weggis is a peaceful village nestling below Mount Rigi, known as 'Queen of the Mountains'. A day out on the Rigi offers walking trails with magnificent views! Take the cable car from Weggis or the 150 year old railway from nearby Vitznau. You should also make time for a leisurely cruise during your stay on the shore of shimmering Lake Lucerne, as well as the famous cog railway or cable car journey to Mount Pilatus. Other recommendations in the region include the Stanserhorn open top deck cable car and a cruise to Beckenried with a trip up to the Klewenalp. The historic town of Lucerne lies just along the lake and has wonderful sightseeing, shopping and restaurants.

Day 5. Travel to Saas-Fee, including the Luzern-Interlaken Express

An interesting day of travel which starts with a boat trip to Lucerne to join the panoramic train Luzern-Interlaken Express. This particularly scenic rail route follows the shore of Lake Brienz into Interlaken. Change here for the train to Visp via Spiez and finally the alpine

PostBus journey to the beautiful mountain resort of Saas-Fee for 3 nights. Days 6-7. Saas-Fee picturesque traffic-free village

Lying in a beautiful high valley, Saas-Fee has retained its old world charm and is surrounded by the spectacular scenery of the high Alps. Relax, breathe in the mountain air and enjoy the slow pace of life in this delightful village, with its traditional buildings and welcoming cafés and boutiques. You will receive a Saastal Card during your stay, which gives you free travel (end Junemid October) on most cable cars including the mountain journeys to Hannig, Spielboden, Längfluh, Kreuzboden and Felskinn's panoramic terrace. From here you can take (at an extra cost) the Metro Alpin which transports you to Mittelallalin at 3,500m, with stunning views over the Alps to be enjoyed from the terrace or the revolving restaurant.

Day 8. Last day

Time for a last look around Saas-Fee before you take the PostBus and train back to Zurich airport for your flight to the UK.





Extra nights, alternative resorts and excursions can be added to this holiday



Your Half Fare Card Itinerary 4 nights in Weggis and 3 nights in Saas-Fee Prices from £1,023 per person in 3 star hotels or £1,155 per person in 4 star hotels

Available: June-October

Price includes:

- Scheduled return flights from London to Zurich (flights are available from around the UK)
- 2nd class rail/boat travel Zurich airport to Weggis and PostBus/rail travel Saas-Fee to Zurich airport
- 7 nights' bed and breakfast accommodation as described based on two people sharing
- 2nd class boat/rail travel between your resorts as described with reserved seats on the Luzern-Interlaken Express
- Saastal Card offering selected free travel into the mountains around Saas-Fee
- Half Fare Card giving you half or reduced price on all excursions mentioned from Weggis
- Fully detailed itinerary
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

The **Half Fare Card** is valid on trains, scenic trains, PostBuses and most boats, mountain railways and cable cars. Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.



Adapt this holiday

- Reverse the direction of travel
- Add additional nights in Weggis or Saas-Fee
- Upgrade your hotel room
- Upgrade to 1st class rail travel throughout £84 per person
- Include half board £238 (3 star hotels) or £243 (4 star) per person
- Add an additional resort

Switch to a Swiss Travel Pass for £170 2nd class / £255 1st class per person. See pages 10-11 for details



4 day scenic holiday to the historic heartland of Switzerland

3 nights in Lucerne

Picturesque lake, stunning mountains and a beautiful Old Town makes Lucerne an ideal stay

Day 1. Arrive and explore Lucerne

Flight from the UK to Zurich with just a one hour train to Lucerne. Time to start your sightseeing with your **Swiss Travel Pass** which includes unlimited **free** lake cruises as well as entrance to several Lucerne museums. Check in to your hotel for your 3 night stay.

Day 2. A day on Mount Rigi*

The Queen of the Mountains, Rigi is one of the most popular days out from Lucerne. There are a variety of ways to reach the mountain, all covered with your **Swiss Travel Pass**. One particularly enjoyable route is to cruise along the lake to Vitznau and then travel up on Europe's oldest cogwheel railway. You can return via cable car to Weggis, then cruise or bus back to Lucerne. The mountain itself offers walking trails and lovely views while you enjoy refreshments in a choice of mountain restaurants.

Day 3. Luzern-Interlaken Express to Interlaken*

Today visit Interlaken on this wonderful route over the Brünig Pass and alongside Lake Brienz to the famous resort. The journey takes around 2 hours each way. If you feel like exploring further, why not travel on the Jungfrau railway through Lauterbrunnen Valley up to the picturesque skiing village of Wengen with its welcoming bars and fabulous views. This journey is also included with your **Swiss Travel Pass**.

Day 4. Last day

As Lucerne is only an hour away from Zurich airport you have time to further explore Lucerne's beautiful historic Old Town before you take the train for your flight to the UK.

*This is only a suggested itinerary which shows you some of the wonderful trips from Lucerne. You could also decide on a trip on the open top cable car to Stanserhorn, or take the world's steepest funicular up to Stoos or visit to Switzerland's historic capital Bern - all included with your Swiss Travel Pass.







Alternative resorts and excursions can be added to this holiday



Your Swiss Travel Pass Itinerary 3 nights in Lucerne Prices from £918 per person in a 3 star hotel or £1,018 per person in a 4 star hotel Available: All year

Available: All year

Price includes:

- Scheduled return flights from London to Zurich (flights are available from around the UK)
- 4 day 2nd class Swiss Travel Pass covering all rail journeys described and many more
- 3 nights' bed and breakfast accommodation in Lucerne based on two people sharing
- 2nd class return reserved seats on the Luzern-Interlaken Express
- Full detailed itinerary sent with all tickets
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

The **Swiss Travel Pass** is valid on trains, PostBuses, boats, scenic trains and some mountain journeys described here. Travel on other mountain railways and cable cars is up to 50% reduction. Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.



Adapt this holiday

- Add 2 nights and extend to a 6 day Swiss Travel Pass
- Upgrade your hotel room
- Upgrade to a 1st class 4 day Swiss Travel Pass £117 per person
- Include half board £89 (3 star hotel) or £128 (4 star) per person
- Choose to stay in Weggis for a quiet lakeside resort



8 day Glacier Express and Bernina Express holiday

3 nights in Zermatt and 4 nights in St. Moritz **A true highlight of a holiday to Switzerland is a journey on the Glacier Express**

Day 1. Arrive and explore

Flight from the UK to Zurich airport with rail travel to Zermatt.

Check in to your hotel for your 3 night stay and enjoy your first views of the Matterhorn mountain.

Days 2-3. Zermatt and the Valais region

Zermatt is surrounded by awesome mountains, the most famous being the Matterhorn, which dominates this traditional alpine village. Enjoy your time in car-free Zermatt and be sure to experience one of the unmissable mountain journeys all available at half price, such as the network of cable cars to Klein Matterhorn - which at 3,883m is the highest sightseeing point in Europe. Try an alternative view from the idyllic lake of Schwarzsee at the foot of the Matterhorn, or take the cog railway to the pure air and mountain restaurants of the Gornergrat. You will not be disappointed by the views and walking routes in this stunning alpine region.

Day 4. Glacier Express to St. Moritz

Join the leisurely Glacier Express train on its full journey to St. Moritz in the scenic Upper Engadin region. This wonderful journey takes 7½ hours in the comfort of special panoramic coaches where a 3 course lunch is served at your table and refreshments are available throughout your trip. Highlights of this classic route include the Oberalp Pass, Rhine Gorge and the Landwasser Viaduct. Enjoy your first sight of the beautiful countryside of the Upper Engadin and St. Moritz, your home for a 4 night stay.

Days 5-7. St. Moritz and the Upper Engadin region

During the summer months, your visit is greatly enhanced by the **Engadin Card** with **free** transport including mountain railways and cable cars. This gives you unlimited access to wonderful walks and excursions, including the excellent panoramic walk at Alp Languard with views over the Bernina massif. Other recommendations include the funicular to Corviglia, connecting to the cable car to Piz Nair at 3,057m.

We include a day trip on the Bernina Express from St. Moritz to Tirano in Italy. This stunning rail journey crosses the Alps from towering glaciers and high mountain lakes to swaying palms of Italy – with time to enjoy an Italian lunch!

Day 8. Last day

Time for a last look around before you take the train to Zurich airport for your flight to the UK.





Alternative resorts and excursions can be added to this holiday



Your Swiss Travel Pass Itinerary 3 nights in Zermatt and 4 nights in St. Moritz Prices from £1,405 per person in 3 star hotels or £1,597 per person in 4 star hotels

Available: All year except 24 October-10 December

Price includes:

- Scheduled return flights from London to Zurich (flights are available from around the UK)
- 8 day 2nd class Swiss Travel Pass covering all rail journeys described and many more
- 7 nights' bed and breakfast accommodation as described based on two people sharing
- 2nd class reserved seats on the Glacier Express Zermatt-St. Moritz including lunch and Bernina Express return from Tirano
- Engadin Card during the summer months offering free transport including mountain railways and cable cars around St. Moritz
- Full detailed itinerary sent with all tickets
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

The **Swiss Travel Pass** is valid on trains, PostBuses, boats, scenic trains and some mountain journeys described here. Travel on other mountain railways and cable cars is up to 50% reduction. Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.



Adapt this holiday

- Reverse the direction of travel
- Upgrade your hotel room
- Change your Engadin stay to the quieter village of Pontresina instead of St. Moritz
- Upgrade to 1st class Swiss Travel Pass £212 per person
- Include half board £237 (3 star hotels) or £353 (4 star) per person



8 day Staying in two of Switzerland's top lakeside resorts

4 nights in Lucerne and 3 nights in Montreux A memorable journey on the GoldenPass Line linking two diverse Swiss lakes

Day 1. Arrive and explore Lucerne for 4 nights

Flight from the UK to Zurich airport with just a one hour train to Lucerne. Time to start your sightseeing with your **Swiss Travel Pass** which includes unlimited **free** lake cruises as well as entrance to several Lucerne museums. Check in to your hotel for your 4 night stay.

Days 2-4. Lucerne and Central Switzerland

With your **Swiss Travel Pass**, Lucerne is the perfect spot from which to enjoy **free** travel around the dramatic scenery of Central Switzerland. You should make time for a lake cruise and the famous old cog railway to the stunning peak of Mount Rigi. The Stanserhorn open top deck cable car and the Stoos funicular are also included **free** with your **Swiss Travel Pass** along with trips further afield: Bern or Lake Constance on the German border. Pilatus and other mountain railways and cable cars are available at a 50% reduction.

Day 5. Luzern-Interlaken Express and GoldenPass Line to Montreux for 3 nights

The Luzern-Interlaken Express travels over the amazing Brünig Pass and alongside scenic Lake Brienz. This memorable journey takes two hours where you change trains in Interlaken for your onward journey. Enjoy views of Lake Thun as you depart Interlaken and head into the mountains and the Simmen Valley. After a change in Zweisimmen, it's on to the alpine resort of Gstaad, before the famous descent with fabulous views of Lake Geneva into Montreux. Spend an afternoon enjoying the delights of this impressive lakeside resort.

Days 6-7. Montreux and Lake Geneva

Montreux is one of the oldest resorts in Switzerland, with cafés and a wonderful promenade which you can follow to romantic Chillon Castle. Your **Swiss Travel Pass** gives you **free** travel on the lake boats and mainline trains so you can visit Geneva for the day or Lausanne and the vineyards at Lavaux. The mountain railway to Les Rochers-de-Naye at 50% reduction is highly recommended for spectacular views.

Day 8. Last day

Time for your last look around before your journey back to the UK.



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Alternative resorts and excursions can be added to this holiday



Your Swiss Travel Pass Itinerary

4 nights in Lucerne and 3 nights in Montreux Prices from £1,396 per person staying in 3 star hotels or £1,661 staying in 4 star hotels

Available: All year

Price includes:

- Scheduled flight from London to Zurich and return from Geneva (flights are available from around the UK)
- 8 day 2nd class Swiss Travel Pass covering all rail journeys described and many more
- 7 nights' bed and breakfast accommodation as described based on two people sharing
- 2nd class reserved seats on the Luzern-Interlaken Express and GoldenPass Line
- Full detailed itinerary sent with all tickets
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

The **Swiss Travel Pass** is valid on trains, PostBuses, boats, scenic trains and some mountain journeys as described here. Travel on other mountain railways and cable cars is up to 50% reduction. Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.



Adapt this holiday

- Reverse the direction of travel
- Upgrade your hotel rooms
- Upgrade to 1st class Swiss Travel Pass £212 per person
- Include half board £229 (3 star hotels) or £190 (4 star Lucerne only) per person.



8 day Railway highlights featuring the steam trains of the Furka Line and Brienzer Rothorn

3 nights in Brig and 4 nights in Interlaken

This holiday features special journeys around Switzerland with dramatic scenery and stunning views

Day 1. Arrive and explore the interesting town of Brig

Flight from the UK to Zurich airport with train to Brig. Check in to your hotel for your 3 night stay and enjoy your first taste of this interesting old trading town.

Day 2. A journey on the Furka Cogwheel Steam Railway

Limited departures from mid-June to early October. Travel by train along the Goms Valley to Oberwald, the start of your 2 hour nostalgic journey on the Furka steam railway. The Furka railway rescued this 17.8km section of historic track between Realp and Oberwald, which offers magnificent views of the Rhone Glacier. One way travel on the Furka Line is included, with return by mainline rail. Supplement of £64 2nd class or £150 1st class for the return steam journey.

Day 3. A free day to enjoy one of many trips from Brig

Brig is a great centre from which to explore this region and beyond. Our suggestions include taking the train to Zermatt, or a day trip on the Centovalli Line scenic train to Locarno for a pasta lunch. Another alternative would be a visit to Montreux on Lake Geneva. All these visits would be included with your **Swiss Travel Pass**.

Day 4. Travel to Interlaken with a choice of routes

We suggest a leisurely journey (around 4 hours) on the Lötschberg Line to Thun, followed by the lake steamer to Interlaken; this could be timed to enjoy lunch on board. Alternatively, catch the fast train to Interlaken via Spiez. Check in to your Interlaken hotel for 4 nights.

Day 5. A memorable steam railway journey on the Brienzer Rothorn

A leisurely cruise from Interlaken to Brienz then change to the Brienzer Rothorn nostalgic cog railway. Chugging away since 1892, the three generations of steam locomotives provide a daily service through the summer with that special joy you only get from steam trains! Time to enjoy refreshments and the view from the 2,350m summit before your return journey by rail or lake steamer.

Days 6-7. Free days to visit the beautiful Bernese Oberland and beyond

There is so much on offer here with your **Swiss Travel Pass** which you could use for **free** unlimited travel on the Lakes of Thun and Brienz and trips on mountain railways and cable cars offered at up to 50% reduction. Also included would be return travel to Lucerne on the Luzern–Interlaken Express for you to explore the beautiful Old Town of Lucerne, or rail travel to the medieval city of Bern.

Day 8. Last day

You have time for a last look around the town before you take the train to the airport for your flight to the UK.





Alternative resorts and excursions can be added to this holiday



Your Swiss Travel Pass Itinerary 3 nights in Brig and 4 nights in Interlaken Prices from £1,348 per person in 3 star hotels or £1,426 per person in 4 star hotels Available: June-October

Price includes:

- Scheduled return flights from London to Zurich (flights are available from around the UK)
- 8 day 2nd class Swiss Travel Pass covering all rail and lake journeys described and many more
- 7 nights' bed and breakfast accommodation as described based on two people sharing
- 2nd class travel on the Furka Line Oberwald to Realp
- Return tickets on the Brienzer Rothorn mountain railway
- Fully detailed itinerary
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

The **Swiss Travel Pass** is valid on trains, PostBuses, boats, scenic trains and some mountain journeys described here. Travel on other mountain railways and cable cars is up to 50% reduction. Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.



Adapt this holiday

- Reverse the direction of travel
- Upgrade your hotel room
- Upgrade to 1st class Swiss Travel Pass £212 per person
- Include half board £311 (3 and 4 star hotels) per person



12 day Sunny lakes to dramatic mountains featuring the Gotthard Panorama Express and Luzern-Interlaken Express

3 nights in Lugano and 4 nights each in Weggis and Grindelwald

Experience Italian style in Lugano, a quiet Swiss lakeside village in Central Switzerland and the sweet mountain air of the Alps

Day 1. Arrive and explore the lakeside resort of Lugano

Flight from the UK to Zurich airport with train to Lugano. Check in to your hotel for your 3 night stay and enjoy your first taste of the Italian way of life in the Ticino region of Switzerland.

Days 2-3. Enjoy the warmth of southern Switzerland

Soak up the Italian style atmosphere of this attractive lakeside resort. Your **Ticino Ticket** gives you **free** travel on the region's buses and trains to explore the area. You can even visit the medieval town of Bellinzona, which boasts three medieval castles. There are also discounts on the funiculars to visit the local mountains. Your **Swiss Travel Pass** gives you **free** travel further afield – enjoy a journey on the Centovalli Line and lunch in Domodossola.

Day 4. Gotthard Panorama Express - a 1st class rail and boat journey to Weggis for 4 nights

Take another look around the elegant town of Lugano before starting your most enjoyable journey to Weggis. The 1st class panoramic carriages take you slowly upwards via the old Gotthard tunnel on looping mountain tracks, with some fabulous scenery to enjoy. On arrival in Flüelen in Central Switzerland you leave the train and join the lake boat on the 1st class upper deck, for a scenic lake cruise to Weggis for 4 nights.

Days 5-7. Weggis and Central Switzerland

The delightful lakeside resort of Weggis is a peaceful village nestling below Mount Rigi. Your **Swiss Travel Pass** is a real bonus as it includes **free** and unlimited travel on the regular lake boats to explore the region including Lucerne's beautiful Old Town. Travel to the scenic mountains of Rigi and Stanserhorn is also included and other cog railways and cable cars such as Pilatus are at 50% reduction.

Day 8. Travel on the Luzern-Interlaken Express

The day starts with a boat journey to Lucerne to connect with the panoramic coaches of the Luzern-Interlaken Express which offer wonderful views on this two hour journey over the Brünig Pass to Interlaken. Change for your last rail journey up to the mountains of Grindelwald for 4 nights.

Days 9-11. Grindelwald and the Jungfrau mountains

Grindelwald is a mountain resort situated at just over 1,000m at the foot of the

mighty Eiger and with easy access into the high mountains. Your **Swiss Travel Pass** gives you **free** rail travel back to Interlaken and its two lovely lakes. Mountain transport, where you get a 50% discount, includes a new highlight - the Eiger Express 26 seater cable cars to the Eiger Station where you can enjoy one of the spectacular walks, or return by train via the Kleine Scheidegg. Another great mountain trip is the 'First' for heavenly hiking trails, clear lakes and a stunning cliff walk.

Day 12. Last day

After a last look around at the village, you take the train back to Zurich airport for your flight to the UK.



Alternative resorts and excursions can be added to this holiday



Your Swiss Travel Pass Itinerary

3 nights in Lugano, 4 nights each in Weggis and Grindelwald Prices from £1,836 per person in 3 star hotels or £1,909 per person in 4 star hotels

Available: June-October

Price includes:

- Scheduled return flights from London to Zurich (flights are available from around the UK)
- 15 day 2nd class Swiss Travel Pass covering all rail journeys described and many more
- 11 nights' bed and breakfast accommodation as described based on two people sharing
- 1st class travel on the Gotthard Panorama Express, with reserved seats on the rail section. 2nd class reserved seats on the Luzern-Interlaken Express
- Ticino Ticket offering free bus and train travel around the region
- Fully detailed itinerary
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

The **Swiss Travel Pass** is valid on trains, PostBuses, boats, scenic trains and some mountain journeys described here. Travel on other mountain railways and cable cars is up to 50% reduction. Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.



Adapt this holiday

- Reverse the direction of travel
- Upgrade your hotel room
- Extend your holiday by up to 3 nights in your chosen resort
- Upgrade to 1st class Swiss Travel Pass £141 per person
- Include a 3 day 2nd class Jungfrau Travel Pass for your stay in Grindelwald for £127 per person
- Include half board £433 (3 star hotels) or £467 (4 star) per person



15 day Bernina Express, Glacier Express including lunch & GoldenPass Line

5 nights in St. Moritz, 4 nights in Montreux and 5 nights in Grindelwald **Enjoy stunning scenic rail journeys with time to explore these three diverse regions**

Day 1. Arrive and explore the high Alps for 5 nights

Flight from the UK to Zurich airport with rail travel to St. Moritz. Check into your hotel and enjoy your first look around St. Moritz.

Days 2-5. Around the famous Alpine resort of St. Moritz with free travel into the mountains

During the summer months, your visit is greatly enhanced by the **Engadin Card** with **free** transport including mountain railways and cable cars. This gives you unlimited access to wonderful walks and excursions, including the excellent panoramic walk at Alp Languard with views over the Bernina massif. Other recommendations include the funicular to Corviglia, connecting to the cable car to Piz Nair at 3,057m and the glacier station of Diavolezza, where you can enjoy lunch while admiring the unforgettable mountain scenery. We include **a trip on the Bernina Express** to Tirano in Italy – with time to enjoy an Italian lunch!

Day 6. Travel to Montreux for 4 nights via Brig on the Glacier Express including lunch

This famous Glacier Express journey travels down to Chur through stunning scenery with majestic viaducts and along the awesome Rhine Gorge and over the Alps via the impressive Oberalp Pass at 2,044m. It's then through the gentle Goms Valley with picturesque villages to the town of Brig. At Brig change to the mainline railway to the grand lakeside resort of Montreux.

Days 7-9. Free days in and around Montreux on the Swiss Riviera

Montreux is one of the oldest resorts in Switzerland, with cafés and a wonderful promenade which you can follow to romantic Chillon Castle. Your **Swiss Travel Pass** gives you **free** travel on the lake boats and mainline trains so you can visit Geneva for the day or Lausanne and the vineyards at Lavaux. The mountain railway to Les Rochers-de-Naye at 50% reduction is highly recommended for spectacular views.

Day 10. Experience the GoldenPass Line to Grindelwald via Interlaken for 5 nights

As you leave Lake Geneva behind, you'll climb steadily, passing the beautiful countryside around Saanen and the alpine resort of Gstaad before you change trains in Zweisimmen. There are more scenic views of lush pastures and a gentle descent to Spiez on beautiful Lake Thun. You'll have great views of the Niederhorn before arriving in Interlaken, where you change trains for your journey to Grindelwald at the foot of the Eiger for your 5 night stay.

Days 11-14. Grindelwald in the heart of the Jungfrau mountains Grindelwald is a mountain resort situated at just over 1,000m at the foot of the mighty Eiger with easy access into the mountains. You receive 50% reduction on most mountain railways and cable cars which includes the new Eiger Express 26 seater cable car to the Eiger Station. Link here to the Jungfraujoch Top-of-Europe (25% reduction), enjoy one of the spectacular walks or return by train via the Kleine Scheidegg. Other great trips are the 'First' for heavenly hiking trails, clear lakes and a stunning 'cliff walk'. Männlichen and Pfingstegg cable car are also recommended. Your **Swiss Travel Pass** travel includes **free** rail travel to the other mountain villages of Wengen and Mürren as well as back down to Interlaken and cruises on both lakes Thun and Brienz.

Day 15. Last day

Time for your last look around this delightful mountain village before your journey back to Zurich airport.



Alternative resorts and excursions can be added to this holiday



Your Swiss Travel Pass Itinerary

5 nights in St Moritz, 4 nights in Montreux and 5 nights in Grindelwald Prices from £2,191 per person staying in 3 star hotels or £2,489 staying in 4 star hotels

Available: June-October

Price includes:

- Scheduled return flights from London to Zurich (flights are available from around the UK)
- 15 day 2nd class Swiss Travel Pass covering all rail journeys described and many more
- 14 nights' bed and breakfast accommodation as described based on two people sharing
- 2nd class reserved seats on the Glacier Express including lunch, Bernina Express and GoldenPass Line
- Engadin Inclusive Card during the summer months offering free and unlimited travel on mountain railways and cable cars around St. Moritz
- Full detailed itinerary sent with all tickets
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

The **Swiss Travel Pass** is valid on trains, PostBuses, boats, scenic trains and some mountain journeys as described here. Travel on other mountain railways and cable cars is up to 50% reduction. Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.



Adapt this holiday

- Reverse the direction of travel
- Upgrade your hotel rooms
- Upgrade to 1st class Swiss Travel Pass £174 per person
- Include a 4 day 2nd class Jungfrau Travel Pass for your stay in Grindelwald for £140 per person
- Include half board £490 (3 star hotels) or £448 (4 star except Montreux) per person



15 day The Swiss Experience

2 nights in Locarno, 4 nights in Lucerne, 3 nights in Interlaken, 2 nights in Brig, 3 nights in Chur

Experience scenic rail journeys through beautiful landscapes, including the Glacier Express, Bernina Express and Luzern-Interlaken Express

Day 1. Arrive and explore Locarno

Flight from the UK to Zurich airport with rail travel to Locarno for 2 nights. Check in to your hotel and enjoy your first views of Locarno and Lake Maggiore.

Day 2. Locarno and the Centovalli Line

Explore this lakeside town at your leisure. The whole region has a strong Italian influence; you can even take a trip into Italy on the scenic Centovalli Line. This journey is covered by your **Swiss Travel Pass** and makes for a delightful day out, with charming views of the countryside and the chance to find a trattoria for lunch in the town of Domodossola.

Day 3. Travel 1st class to Lucerne on the Gotthard Panorama Express for 4 nights

Travel to Bellinzona to join the 1st class panoramic carriages of the Gotthard Panorama Express, which takes you slowly upwards via the old Gotthard tunnel on looping mountain tracks, with some fabulous scenery to enjoy. On arrival in Flüelen, leave the train and join the lake boat on the 1st class upper deck, for a scenic cruise along the whole length of the lake to historic Lucerne.

Days 4-6. Lucerne and Central Switzerland

With your **Swiss Travel Pass**, Lucerne is the perfect spot from which to enjoy **free** travel around the dramatic scenery of Central Switzerland. You should make time for a lake cruise and the famous 150 year old cog railway to the stunning peak of Mount Rigi. The Stanserhorn open top deck cable car and the Stoos funicular are also included with your **Swiss Travel Pass**. Pilatus and other mountain railways and cable cars are available at a 50% reduction.

Day 7. Luzern-Interlaken Express to Interlaken for 3 nights

A popular 2 hour journey along a very scenic route. Take in the views through your panoramic windows – including the fabulous Brünig Pass, the resort of Meiringen and a final run alongside Lake Brienz and into Interlaken.

Days 8-9. Explore the Bernese Oberland

With your **Swiss Travel Pass** you can enjoy **free** travel on a cruise around the two lakes of Thun and Brienz and travel into the stunning Jungfrau mountains at Wengen, Mürren or Grindelwald. You may like to consider a trip on the mountain railways or cable cars with a 50% discount to Schynige Platte, Schilthorn or Harder Kulm - Interlaken's own special mountain.

Day 10. Lötschberg Regio Express to Brig for 2 nights

A lovely journey today. Take a scenic cruise on the lake to the town of Thun, where you change to rail and the Lötschberg Line. This historic route loops through the mountains via Kandersteg and offers fantastic views over the countryside en route to Brig.



Day 11. Brig and Zermatt

Brig is an important historical trading town, as you can see from the merchant buildings and the impressive Stockalper Castle. You can relax here, or why not take a trip to Zermatt with your **Swiss Travel Pass**. It is just a 90 minute journey and you will be able to enjoy unforgettable views of the Matterhorn from the village or maybe even plan a trip on the Gornergrat railway (50% reduction).

Day 12. Glacier Express to Chur for 3 nights

A fabulously slow and scenic journey across the Alps, where you can enjoy unbeatable views through your panoramic windows. On this shorter section to Chur (4 hours) you still have lunch served at your seat and can enjoy views of the Oberalp Pass and the Rhine Gorge before arrival into Chur.

Days 13-14. Chur and the Rhaetian Railway

From Chur, we have included more famous journeys on the Rhaetian Rail network. The **Arosa Line** is an amazing journey, where the train climbs up to 1,800m in an hour and offers wonderful views en route. Enjoy pretty Arosa or take the cable car to visit the Weisshorn mountain (50% reduction). The second journey is the **Bernina Express** – a full day return travelling through the high Alps via fantastic bridges, viaducts and tunnels with equally dramatic scenery to enjoy.

Day 15. Last day

A last look around historic Chur before you board the train to Zurich for your flight to the UK.

Alternative resorts and excursions can be added to this holiday



Your Swiss Travel Pass Itinerary

2 nights in Locarno, 4 nights in Lucerne, 3 nights in Interlaken, 2 nights in Brig, 3 nights in Chur

Prices from £2,160 per person in 3 star hotels or £2,386 per person in 4 star hotels Available: April-October

Price includes:

- Scheduled return flights from London to Zurich (flights are available from around the UK)
- 15 day 2nd class Swiss Travel Pass covering all rail journeys described and many more
- 14 nights' bed and breakfast accommodation as described based on two people sharing
- 1st class travel on the Gotthard Panorama Express, with reserved seats on the rail section. 2nd class
 reserved seats on the Luzern-Interlaken Express, Glacier Express including lunch and Bernina Express
- Full detailed itinerary sent with all tickets
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

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Adapt this holiday

- Reverse the direction of travel
- Upgrade your hotel room
- Upgrade to 1st class Swiss Travel Pass £141 per person
- Include half board £557 (3 star hotels) or £607 (4 star) per person



