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SCENIC RAIL HOLIDAYS



The  
 **Swiss**  
Holiday Company



Bernese Alps



## Choosing your scenic rail holiday itinerary

One of the best ways to see and enjoy the stunning landscapes of Switzerland is with a two or multi centre holiday, allowing you to explore the diverse scenery. Picture yourself with a coffee beside a shimmering lake or taking a gentle walk along a mountain path in the high Alps! With all the natural beauty on offer, Switzerland is a wonderful place in which to holiday, made all the more memorable with a scenic rail journey connecting your resorts. We do hope you enjoy browsing through our suggested itineraries and look forward to helping you to make your Swiss plans a reality.

Call our expert team to start planning your holiday today **0800 619 1200**

The holidays in this brochure have been arranged into three sections

### Relaxing

 TWO CENTRE HOLIDAYS

These holidays offer you the chance to stay in two resorts which complement each other, and which are connected by a scenic rail journey. They are generally suggested as a week's holiday but can easily be extended to a fortnight. There are plenty of day trips to enjoy from each resort, or you could simply relax amidst the beautiful lakes & mountains scenery.

### Three Centre

 SCENIC RAIL HOLIDAYS

Perfect holidays for people who want to extend their explorations a little further, with the opportunity to stay in three delightful lakes and mountains resorts and enjoy the scenic journeys connecting each. The holiday durations are naturally longer - 12 or 15 days - so you will have plenty of time to really get to know each resort and its surrounding beauty spots.

### Scenic Rail

 TOURING HOLIDAYS

These are the itineraries for the real train enthusiasts, or for those who want to explore as many aspects of the Swiss lakes & mountains landscape as possible. You will be moving on to a new resort every couple of days via a scenic rail journey, but will still have time to relax in each destination and enjoy the glorious scenery around you.

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Lake Lucerne



Glacier Express

## Stress free, bespoke holidays

You can rely on The Swiss Holiday Company to make all your arrangements, from booking flights and hotels to supplying your rail tickets with seat reservations where required. We even provide a personalised itinerary showing you how to travel by rail to each of your hotels, including timings and platform numbers.

The holidays in this brochure are merely suggestions on ways to combine various scenic rail routes with the best lakes and mountains resorts. If you would like to create a completely new itinerary, we will be very happy to put together the series of rail journeys and resorts that you're dreaming of.

**You can find more details on resorts, excursions and hotels in our sister brochure Switzerland Lakes & Mountains 2025.**

## You can also adapt the holidays in this brochure in several ways

- ✓ Reverse the direction of travel
- ✓ Upgrade to 1st class rail travel throughout Switzerland
- ✓ Change the suggested resorts, for example switching from lively Lucerne to quieter Weggis just along the lake
- ✓ Upgrade your choice of hotel from 3 to 4 star
- ✓ Choose between bed & breakfast or half board (evening meal included)
- ✓ Stay for longer (where appropriate with your Swiss Travel Pass – recommended durations are 4, 6, 8 and 15 days)
- ✓ Swap your UK flights to international rail travel from London St. Pancras

## Your holiday in Switzerland



Imagine visiting a place which has a rail, lake steamer and bus service that takes you to every corner of the country in a relaxed and reliable way, with no need for car hire or waiting for group transfers. Indeed, Switzerland is famed for its scenic rail journeys – there are several wonderful routes connecting resorts across mountain ranges and alongside sparkling lakes, guaranteeing the traveller ever changing but always beautiful views. Many of the trains have special panoramic carriages, with huge windows that extend into the roof so that you can immerse yourself in the stunning lakes & mountains landscapes.

This brochure contains a range of unforgettable holiday ideas for the independent traveller, drawn from our 30 years' experience of arranging such itineraries. We can help you with advice on where the trains go, the best resorts in which to stay for each journey, and what you can do while you're there. We'll offer advice on upgrades to 1st class (or even the superb Excellence Class on the Glacier Express) and the best times to go in order to make the most of your holiday in Switzerland. Your ticket wallet will contain a personalised itinerary, detailing your hotels and train connections for each day.



### The Grand Train Tour of Switzerland



The Grand Train Tour is a concept from Switzerland Tourism to help visitors experience the very best of Switzerland, using the network of scenic rail routes. The itineraries in this brochure all incorporate sections of the Grand Train Tour, giving you a fantastic choice of where to go and what to see. Of course, if you would like to travel around the whole country, please take a look at our touring holiday itineraries on pages 30-35.

### Sustainable Switzerland



Thanks to Switzerland's superb network of public transport which you'll be using to get around - trains, buses, boats and mountain transport - the holidays in this brochure are inherently eco-friendly. Switzerland takes its green credentials seriously and through the 'Swisstainable' programme, you can relax in the knowledge that long term commitments are increasingly being made by both travel and accommodation partners, with no compromise in quality.

### Climate-friendly public transport in Switzerland

**13 x more** An electric car produces 13 times more CO<sub>2</sub> than a railway

**0.2%** Railway traffic contributes only 0.2% to the total of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of overall traffic

**90%** SBB (Swiss Railways) operates with 90% hydropower

**27 x less** A train ride produces 27 times less CO<sub>2</sub> than a comparable car drive

**Only** pedestrians and bicycles are more ecological than trains

We are delighted to work closely with Switzerland Tourism and Swiss Travel System **travel switzerland**



Montreux

## Swiss Travel Pass included with all holidays

One of the greatest joys of a holiday in Switzerland lies in using the excellent transport system to explore the country at your own pace, with very little fuss.

The holidays in this brochure **all include a Swiss Travel Pass**. As well as covering all the scenic rail journeys connecting your resorts, you will have complete freedom to strike out and explore the wonderful scenery surrounding wherever you are staying. You can hop on a train to visit a nearby town, settle in with a drink on one of the historic lake steamers for a memorable cruise, or board one of the distinctive yellow PostBuses for a ride up into the mountains – all for free. Your Swiss Travel Pass also acts as a discount card for the cable cars and other mountain transport. Take a look at the map on the back of this brochure to see the freedom you have across Switzerland. The mainline railways are shown in red solid lines, PostBuses in yellow and lake cruises in white. The cable cars, mountain railways and funiculars are shown in dotted lines which indicates up to 50% discount.

### Benefits of the Swiss Travel Pass

- Free unlimited travel on all mainline trains, lake steamers and PostBuses throughout Switzerland
- Fabulous convenience of not having to visit ticket offices when the travel is free – just hop on board!
- Up to 50% off cable cars, mountain railways and funiculars
- Staying in Lucerne? The Mount Rigi train/cable car, Stanserhorn cable car and Stoos funicular are also free, as well as cruises on the full length of the beautiful lakes of Lucerne and Uri

If your budget allows, an upgrade to 1st class is well worth the extra spend. On the trains you benefit from more space and quieter carriages, and on lake boats 1st class is normally on the top deck – with better viewing and fewer fellow passengers.



Thun

### Museum Pass

Did you know that your Swiss Travel Pass also acts as Museum Pass, giving you free access to over 500 museums and attractions across Switzerland? Just a few popular examples include Chillon Castle in Montreux, Alimentarium in Vevey, Olympic Museum in Lausanne, the castles in Spiez and Thun, Matterhorn Museum in Zermatt, Stockalper Palace in Brig, National Park Centre in Zerne, UNESCO World Heritage castles in Bellinzona, art museums in Interlaken and Lucerne, and of course a long list of museums in the big cities of Zurich, Geneva, Bern and Basel.

### Good to know - excursions

Some higher altitude cable cars and mountain railways have operating seasons of **late June-mid October** and **December-March**. Any trips which we state are included in the price of the holiday will be running, but we cannot guarantee exact dates of operations of other trips which are shown merely as recommendations. If there is a particular trip you would like to make during your stay, please do check before confirming your holiday booking.

St. Moritz and Appenzell have a fantastic travel card scheme which is offered free during the summer months (when you stay 1 or 3 nights respectively) and which entitles you to completely free travel on the local cable cars and mountain railways.

# 4 DAY SWISS SNAPSHOT



Introducing the glorious lakes and mountains of Switzerland

Available all year

LUZERN-INTERLAKEN EXPRESS

NEW SCHILTHORN CABLEWAY

3 nights in Interlaken



## Day 1. Arrive and start your exploration of Interlaken

Fly from the UK to Zurich in under 2 hours with connecting rail travel to Interlaken. Welcome to your hotel for your 3 night stay and enjoy your first look around Interlaken with its stunning views up to the Jungfrau mountains.

## Day 2. Exceptional day with a return journey on the Luzern-Interlaken Express

The day starts in style on the **Luzern-Interlaken Express** with a stunning two hour rail journey alongside lakes and over the Brünig Pass to the glorious lakeside town of Lucerne. As these trains depart every hour you can choose to start early and give yourself time to enjoy the wonderful Old Town. You could even take a **free** cruise from Lucerne to Weggis on the lake steamer before returning to Interlaken after a memorable day. All of this is included with your **Swiss Travel Pass**.

## Day 3. A visit to the high Alps and the new Schilthorn cableway to the James Bond Piz Gloria revolving restaurant

Get ready for a very special day in the mountains. We have included travel by train and cableway to Mürren where you can stroll through this beautiful alpine village to the new Funifor cableway to **Birg and Schilthorn** (2,790m). On Her Majesty's Secret Service was filmed on the mountain and a James Bond theme awaits you with the Spy World and Cinema interactive exhibition celebrating the film over 7 key scenes and with plenty of film-related trivia. The highlight of your trip must be the revolving restaurant Piz Gloria and the Sky Line Viewing Platform, where you feel on top of the world as you view the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau and two hundred other summits. Travel back via the valley station at Stechelberg and bus and train to Interlaken.

## Day 4. Enjoy your last morning in Interlaken

Time for a last look around after memorable stay in Interlaken, before you take the train to Zurich airport for your flight to the UK.





## Always included

### FLIGHTS + HOTELS + RAIL

- Flights London-Zurich including taxes and hold baggage (other flights are available from around the UK)
- 4 day Swiss Travel Pass covering all rail journeys described and many more (2nd class).  
**See page 5 for full details**
- 3 nights' hotel accommodation bed and breakfast in Interlaken based on two people sharing
- Reserved return seats on the Luzern-Interlaken Express (2nd class)
- Return tickets to Schilthorn-Piz Gloria
- Personalised full detailed itinerary sent with all tickets
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

**Please note that the new Schilthorn cableway is open only as far as Birg until 15th March, after which the full journey to Schilthorn opens. Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.**

### Available all year

Guide prices from £995 per person in 3 star hotels or from £1,068 per person in 4 star hotels

### Adapt this holiday

Upgrade to 1st class Swiss Travel Pass £142 per person – great value

Include half board from £153 (3 star) or £157 (4 star) per person

Upgrade your hotel room

Extend your stay to 6 days

Also available with Geneva flights

# Relaxing

 TWO CENTRE HOLIDAYS



Pilatus Kulm Hotels high above Lake Lucerne

## 4 DAY LUCERNE AND A SUMMIT EXPERIENCE



A unique holiday experience!  
Experience Lucerne and its lake  
plus a night in an exceptional  
mountain top hotel

Available all year

MOUNT PILATUS  
CABLE CAR & RAILWAY

2 nights in Lucerne

1 night in Pilatus Kulm Hotels

### Day 1. Arrive and explore the charms of historic Lucerne

Fly from the UK to Zurich in under 2 hours with connecting rail travel to Lucerne. Welcome to your hotel for your 2 night stay and enjoy your first look around Lucerne with its lovely lakeside setting.

### Day 2. Discover the beautiful Old Town, lake and surrounding mountains

With your **Swiss Travel Pass**, Lucerne is perfectly placed to enjoy **free** travel around the dramatic scenery of Central Switzerland - a cruise is a must as this is without doubt one of the most beautiful lakes, whose shoreline is dotted with idyllic villages. Also included free with your Swiss Travel Pass are the famous old cog railway to the stunning peak of Mount Rigi, the Stanserhorn open top deck cable car and the Stoos funicular. After exploring the unforgettable scenery of the region, be sure to make time for enjoying Lucerne itself with its historic streets and wide choice of cafés, shops and chocolate boutiques.







### Day 3. A night in Mount Pilatus Kulm hotels - magical dreams are included

This starry mountain-top experience at Pilatus Kulm hotels is a real contrast to your lakeside stay. Mount Pilatus stands high above Lucerne at 2,132m and so has incredible views of the waters of Lake Lucerne as well as a vista across the mountain peaks as far as the eye can see. Travel to the summit year-round by cableways, and during the summer on the world's steepest cog railway. Your night on the mountain includes a four course meal in the hotel and buffet breakfast the next morning - the perfect start after you have watched the sun rise over the spectacular landscape.

### Day 4. Last day with travel down to Lucerne and home

After a leisurely breakfast, travel by cable way to Lucerne for the hour's rail travel back to Zurich airport and your flight to the UK.



### Always included

#### FLIGHTS + HOTELS + RAIL

- Flights London-Zurich including taxes and hold baggage (other flights are available from around the UK)
- 2nd class 4 day Swiss Travel Pass covering all rail journeys described and many more.  
See page 5 for full details
- 3 nights' hotel accommodation bed and breakfast as described based on two people sharing
- Dinner included at the summit hotel above Lucerne
- Return travel Lucerne-Mount Pilatus
- Personalised full detailed itinerary sent with all tickets
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

**Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.**

### Available all year

Guide prices from £1,175 per person in 3 star hotels or £1,255 per person in 4 star hotels

### Adapt this holiday

Upgrade to 1st class Swiss Travel Pass £142 per person - great value

Include half board in Lucerne from £77 (3 star) or £132 (4 star) per person

Upgrade your hotel room

Extend your stay or add another resort

Also available with Geneva flights

# Relaxing

 TWO CENTRE HOLIDAYS



Glacier Express

## 6 DAY ESSENTIAL GLACIER EXPRESS



Exceptional mountain excursions and travel on the Glacier Express including lunch  
Available all year except 12 Oct-5 Dec

GLACIER EXPRESS

3 nights in Brig  
2 nights in Chur



Aletsch Glacier

### Day 1. Arrive and explore historic Brig

Fly from the UK to Zurich in under 2 hours with connecting rail travel to Brig. Welcome to your hotel for your 3 night stay and enjoy a stroll around this interesting town.

### Days 2-3. Free days with a great choice of scenic trips

With your **Swiss Travel Pass** you can take your pick of stunning visits **at no extra cost**. Travel to the Matterhorn village of Zermatt or take a trip over the Lötschberger mountains to Lake Thun and enjoy a lake cruise to Interlaken. Alternatively, you can head for the amazing Aletsch Glacier where we recommend buying a local pass, with amazing walks and views. Another possibility is a journey on the Centovalli Line via Domodossola in Italy to Locarno in Switzerland's Ticino region. You will be spoilt for choice!

### Day 4. Glacier Express to Chur including lunch

Sit back and relax in your reserved seat on this leisurely 4 hour **Glacier Express** experience to Chur. You will be served lunch while travelling through the picturesque Goms Valley en route to the highest point of the journey - the Oberalp Pass - before a spectacular finale to your journey travelling alongside the Rhine and through the Grand Canyon of Switzerland to Chur.

**Day 5. Free day in Chur and a possible visit to the mountains**  
 Chur is Switzerland's oldest town and has a delightful centre. It also makes a wonderful base from which to explore the region **for free** with your **Swiss Travel Pass** - such as a trip on the spectacular Albula route to St. Moritz. Alternatively try the charming resort of Arosa, another fabulous scenic journey, from where you can add a cable car trip to the Weisshorn, at half price, for a high Alps lunch!

**Day 6. Last day in historic Chur**

A leisurely start with time in Chur before you take the train back to Zurich airport for your flight to the UK.



Arosa



Chur



Brig

**Always included**

**FLIGHTS + HOTELS + RAIL**

- Flights London-Zurich including taxes and hold baggage (other flights are available from around the UK)
- 6 day Swiss Travel Pass covering all rail journeys described and many more (2nd class). **See page 5 for full details**
- 5 nights' hotel accommodation bed and breakfast as described based on two people sharing
- Reserved seats and lunch on the Glacier Express Brig-Chur (2nd class)
- Personalised full detailed itinerary sent with all tickets
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

**Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.**

Available all year except 12 October-5 December

Guide prices from £1,286 per person in 4 star hotels

**Adapt this holiday**

Reverse the direction of travel

Upgrade to 1st class Swiss Travel Pass £182 per person – great value

Upgrade your hotel rooms

Include half board from £309 per person

Extend your stay to 8 days

**Relaxing**

 **TWO CENTRE HOLIDAYS**

## 6 DAY HEART OF SCENIC SWITZERLAND



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

Available all year

LUZERN-INTERLAKEN  
EXPRESS

3 nights in Lucerne

2 nights in Interlaken

### Day 1. Arrive and explore charming Lucerne

Fly from the UK to Zurich in under 2 hours with connecting rail travel to Lucerne. Welcome to your hotel for your 3 night stay and enjoy exploring the Old Town and lakeside.

### Days 2-3. Free days to enjoy the beautiful Old Town, lake and mountains

With your **Swiss Travel Pass**, Lucerne is perfectly placed to enjoy **free** travel around the dramatic scenery of Central Switzerland. A lake cruise is a must along with 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 to Bern. Pilatus and other mountain railways and cable cars around Lake Lucerne are available at a 50% reduction.

### Day 4. Journey on the Luzern-Interlaken Express across the mountains to Interlaken

This striking journey is 2 hours of joy as you travel over the Brünig Pass and alongside the scenic lake to Interlaken. After check in you will have time to get a flavour of Interlaken and finalise your plans.

### Day 5. Free day in and around the glorious Bernese Oberland

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 into the mountains at Wengen and Grindelwald -where mountain railways and cable cars are offered with up to 50% reduction. A favourite trip is a leisurely cruise from Interlaken to Brienz, then change to a half price journey on the Brienz Rothorn steam railway which has been chugging away since 1892. A memorable visit to the Jungfrauoch is available at 25% reduction.

### Day 6. Last day - if only you had booked to stay longer! (The 8 day Pass is also great value)

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



Lucerne



Interlaken



Brienzer Rothorn Steam Railway



Luzern-Interlaken Express



Rigi in Winter



Harder Kulm



### Always included

#### FLIGHTS + HOTELS + RAIL

- Flights London-Zurich including taxes and hold baggage (other flights are available from around the UK)
- 6 day Swiss Travel Pass covering all rail journeys described and many more (2nd class). **See page 5 for full details**
- 5 nights' hotel accommodation bed and breakfast as described based on two people sharing
- Reserved seats on the Luzern-Interlaken Express (2nd class)
- Personalised full detailed itinerary sent with all tickets
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

**Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.**

#### Available all year

Guide prices from £1,339 per person in 3 star hotels or from £1,509 per person in 4 star hotels

#### Adapt this holiday

Reverse the direction of travel

Upgrade to 1st class Swiss Travel Pass £182 per person - great value

Upgrade your hotel room

Include half board from £217 (3 star) or £301 (4 star) per person

Change your resorts to the quieter villages of Weggis and Bönigen

Extend your stay to 8 days

Also available with Geneva flights

# Relaxing

 TWO CENTRE HOLIDAYS



St. Moritz

## 8 DAY SUPREME GLACIER EXPRESS



A true highlight with leisurely scenic rail journeys to remember

Available all year except 12 Oct-5 Dec

GLACIER EXPRESS  
BERNINA EXPRESS

3 nights in St. Moritz

4 nights in Zermatt

### Day 1. Arrive and explore St. Moritz in the upper Engadin region

Fly from the UK to Zurich in under 2 hours with connecting rail travel via Chur and a stunning journey to St. Moritz. Welcome to your hotel for your 3 night stay and enjoy the atmosphere of this iconic resort.

### Days 2-3. Glorious St. Moritz and the Upper Engadin region

The joy of a Swiss holiday is visiting the mountains. During the summer months this holiday includes the fabulous **Engadin Card** with unlimited **free** transport including mountain railways and cable cars, buses and local trains - real freedom of this alpine region! Recommendations include funicular and cable car to Piz Nair often travelling above the clouds at 3,057m, with stunning views and maybe lunch at the top. You are spoilt for choice with other trips. We include an **unforgettable day trip on the Bernina Express** from St. Moritz to Tirano in Italy. This stunning rail journey crosses the Alps with spectacular views en route – and time to enjoy an Italian lunch.

### Day 4. Glacier Express to Zermatt including lunch

Sit back and relax in your reserved seat on the leisurely **Glacier Express** for its full journey as it slowly meanders across Switzerland to Zermatt. This wonderful experience takes 7½ hours in the comfort of special panoramic coaches. While away your time with a 3 course lunch served at your table; drinks are available throughout the day at an extra cost. You are provided with interesting information about the route and it is a delight to discover more about the famous highlights such as the Landwasser Viaduct, Rhine Gorge and the Oberalp Pass.

### Days 5-7. Sublime views in the Matterhorn region

Zermatt is a fascinating alpine village dominated by the Matterhorn and the story of its dramatic conquest. There are great options of exciting rail and cable cars into the high





Alps, 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 with picturesque refreshment stops in this stunning alpine region.

**Day 8. Last day with a beautiful train journey down to Brig en route to Zurich**

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



Bernina Express in winter



**Always included**

**FLIGHTS + HOTELS + RAIL**

- Flights London-Zurich including taxes and hold baggage (other flights are available from around the UK)
- 8 day Swiss Travel Pass covering all rail journeys described and many more (2nd class). **See page 5 for full details**
- 7 nights' hotel accommodation bed and breakfast as described based on two people sharing
- Reserved return seats on the Bernina Express St. Moritz - Tirano (2nd class)
- Reserved seats & lunch on the Glacier Express St. Moritz-Zermatt (2nd class)
- Engadin Card late June to mid-October offering free transport including mountain railways and cable cars around St. Moritz
- Personalised full detailed itinerary sent with all tickets
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

**Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.**

Available all year except 12 October-5 December

Guide prices from £1,613 per person in 3 star hotels or from £1,824 per person in 4 star hotels

**Adapt this holiday**

Reverse the direction of travel

**Travel in Excellence Class on the Glacier Express (see page 36)**

Upgrade to 1st class Swiss Travel Pass £198 per person - great value

Upgrade your hotel room

Include half board from £342 (3 star) or £473 (4 star) per person

Change your St. Moritz stay to the quieter village of Pontresina

# Relaxing

 TWO CENTRE HOLIDAYS



Montreux

## 8 DAY SWITZERLAND'S TOP LAKESIDE RESORTS



A true scenic delight featuring the GoldenPass Express to Montreux  
Available all year

LUZERN-INTERLAKEN EXPRESS  
GOLDENPASS EXPRESS

4 nights in Lucerne  
3 nights in Montreux



Chillon Castle

### Day 1. Arrive and explore charming Lucerne

Fly from the UK to Zurich in under 2 hours with connecting rail travel to Lucerne. Welcome to your hotel for your 4 night stay and enjoy exploring the Old Town and lakeside.

### Days 2-4. Free days to enjoy the beautiful Old Town, lake and mountains

With your **Swiss Travel Pass**, Lucerne is perfectly placed to enjoy **free** travel around the dramatic scenery of Central Switzerland. A lake cruise is a great way to relax with a restaurant on board - treat yourself to lunch with a longer cruise to Brunnen or even Flüelen. Also included free with your Swiss Travel Pass are the famous old cog railway to the stunning peak of Mount Rigi, the Stanserhorn open top deck cable car and the Stoos funicular, and even a trip further afield to Bern. Pilatus and other mountain railways and cable cars around Lake Lucerne are available at a 50% reduction.

### Day 5. Luzern-Interlaken Express and the GoldenPass Express train to Montreux

A day to look forward to with these two exceptional journeys. The **Luzern-Interlaken Express** travels over the amazing Brünig Pass and alongside scenic Lake Brienz to Interlaken where you board the **GoldenPass Express** all the way to Montreux. Enjoy views of Lake Thun as you head into the mountains and the Simmen Valley to Zweisimmen. Here, the train switches track and travels on to the alpine resort of Gstaad, before the descent into Montreux, with fabulous views of Lake Geneva.

### Days 6-7. Explore Montreux and glittering Lake Geneva

Montreux is a fascinating town, with cafés and a wonderful promenade which you can follow to the romantic Chillon Castle. Entry is **free** with your **Swiss Travel Pass**, as is travel on the lake steamers and mainline trains so you can visit Geneva for the day, or perhaps Lausanne and the vineyards at Lavaux. The mountain railway to Les Rochers-de-Naye at 50% reduction is highly recommended for spectacular views. Chaplin's World in Vevey is also a great visit with 50% off with your Riviera Card.

### Day 8. Last day

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







Lucerne



Stanserhorn cable car



Montreux in winter



GoldenPass Express

### Always included

#### FLIGHTS + HOTELS + RAIL

- Flights London-Zurich including taxes and hold baggage (other flights are available from around the UK)
- 8 day Swiss Travel Pass covering all rail journeys described and many more (2nd class). **See page 5 for full details**
- 7 nights' hotel accommodation bed and breakfast as described based on two people sharing
- Reserved seats on the Luzern-Interlaken Express and the GoldenPass Express Interlaken-Montreux (both 2nd class)
- Riviera Card in Montreux offering free local buses and reductions for local places of interest
- Personalised full detailed itinerary sent with all tickets
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

**Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.**

#### Available all year

Guide prices from £1,634 per person in 3 star hotels or from £1,976 per person in 4 star hotels

#### Adapt this holiday

Reverse the direction of travel

Upgrade to 1st class Swiss Travel Pass £198 per person – great value

Upgrade your hotel room

Change your Lucerne stay to the quieter village of Weggis

Include half board (Lucerne only) from £158 (3 star) or £261 (4 star) per person

Also available with Geneva flights

# Relaxing

 TWO CENTRE HOLIDAYS



Chillon Castle, near Montreux

## 8 DAY EXPLORE SWITZERLAND'S VARIETY



The GoldenPass Express - where the grandeur of the Swiss Riviera meets the glories of the Bernese Oberland

Available all year

GOLDENPASS EXPRESS  
LUZERN-INTERLAKEN  
EXPRESS

3 nights in Montreux  
4 nights in Interlaken



Jungfrau train

### Day 1. Arrive and explore elegant Montreux

Fly from the UK to Zurich in under 2 hours with connecting rail travel to Montreux. Welcome to your hotel for your 3 night stay and enjoy exploring the famous lakeside promenade.

### Days 2-3. Free days to enjoy Montreux and stunning Lake Geneva

Montreux is fascinating town, with cafés and a wonderful promenade which you can follow to the romantic Chillon Castle. Entry is **free** with your **Swiss Travel Pass**, as is travel on the lake steamers and mainline trains so you can visit Geneva for the day, or perhaps Lausanne and the vineyards at Lavaux. The mountain railway to Les Rochers-de-Naye at 50% reduction is highly recommended for spectacular views. Chaplin's World in Vevey is also a great visit with 50% off with your Riviera Card.

### Day 4. The GoldenPass Express to Interlaken

A day to savour with your journey on the **GoldenPass Express** to Interlaken. The trains starts off with a stunning ascent as you leave Montreux and head for the high meadows and dramatic mountain views. Passing through Gstaad you then reach Zweisimmen where the train switches track for the journey down the Simmen valley to Spiez and the final run alongside Lake Thun to Interlaken.

### Days 5-7. Discover Interlaken and the glorious Bernese Oberland

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. A favourite trip is a leisurely



Interlaken

cruise from Interlaken to Brienz then change to a half price trip on the Brienzer Rothorn steam railway which has been chugging away since 1892. You can also travel for free to the alpine villages of Lauterbrunnen, Wengen and Grindelwald. From here, the mountain railways and cable cars are offered with up to 50% reduction, or a memorable visit to the Jungfrauoch is available at 25% reduction. We also suggest a return day trip on the **Luzern-Interlaken Express** - this striking journey is 2 hours of relaxation and fabulous views each way as you travel over the Brünig Pass to Lucerne.

**Day 8. Last day**

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



GoldenPass Express



Lake Geneva

**Always included**

**FLIGHTS + HOTELS + RAIL**

- Flights London-Zurich including taxes and hold baggage (other flights are available from around the UK)
- 8 day Swiss Travel Pass covering all rail journeys described and many more (2nd class). **See page 5 for full details**
- 7 nights' hotel accommodation bed and breakfast as described based on two people sharing
- Reserved seats on the GoldenPass Express Montreux-Interlaken (2nd class)
- Reserved return seats on the Luzern-Interlaken Express (2nd class)
- Riviera Card in Montreux offering free local buses and reductions to local places of interest
- Personalised full detailed itinerary sent with all tickets
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

**Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.**

**Available all year**

Guide prices from £1,526 per person in 3 star hotels or from £1,790 per person in 4 star hotels

**Adapt this holiday**

- Reverse the direction of travel
- Upgrade to 1st class Swiss Travel Pass £198 per person – great value
- Upgrade your hotel room
- Change your Interlaken stay to the quieter village of Bönigen
- Include half board (Interlaken only) from £196 (3 star) or £208 (4 star) per person
- Also available with Geneva flights

**Relaxing**





Weggis

## 8 DAY LAKESIDE PLEASURES & HISTORIC ALPINE ROUTE



Two lakeside resorts of contrast, from relaxed Lake Lucerne to the Mediterranean way of life in Locarno

Available 14 Apr-15 Oct

GOTTHARD PANORAMA  
EXPRESS

4 nights in Weggis  
3 nights in Locarno

### Day 1. Arrive and explore charming Weggis

Fly from the UK to Zurich in under 2 hours with connecting rail and a delightful boat journey to Weggis, Welcome to your hotel for your 4 night stay and enjoy the beauty of this lakeside village.

### Days 2-4. Free days to enjoy the attractions of the lake and nearby mountains

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

Your next adventure is at a leisurely pace with a 1st class lake cruise to Flüelen where you board the special 1st class panoramic train for your sedate journey which heads up the Reuss valley with ever changing views towards the historic Gotthard Pass. The line loops three times past the church at Wassen to the original 19th century Gotthard



Flüelen, where the Gotthard Panorama Express boat meets the train

tunnel after which you dramatically arrive in the beautiful Ticino region of Switzerland. There is a slow looping descent to Bellinzona where you change for the short train journey to Locarno on Lake Maggiore.

**Days 6-7. Enjoy la dolce vita in Locarno and the Ticino region**

Locarno is a resort where the Italian influence affects all aspects of life, from the architecture to what you eat. Situated on stunning Lake Maggiore, with the lakeside village of Ascona only a bus ride away, 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. You can also enjoy a day trip to Domodossola on the fabulous Centovalli Line **free** with your **Swiss Travel Pass**.

**Day 8. Last day**

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



Mount Rigi



Locarno



Montebello Castle, Bellinzona



**Always included**

**FLIGHTS + HOTELS + RAIL**

- Flights London-Zurich including taxes and hold baggage (other flights are available from around the UK)
- 8 day Swiss Travel Pass covering all rail journeys described and many more (2nd class).  
**See page 5 for full details**
- 7 nights' hotel accommodation bed and breakfast as described based on two people sharing
- 1st class lake steamer and rail travel on the Gotthard Panorama Express Weggis-Bellinzona with reserved seats on the train section
- Regional rail travel Bellinzona-Locarno (1st class)
- Ticino Ticket in Locarno offering free bus and train travel around the area
- Personalised full detailed itinerary sent with all tickets
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

**Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.**

Available 14 April-15 October

Please note the Gotthard Panorama Express does not run on a Monday (see page 40)

Guide prices from £1,475 per person in 3 star hotels or from £1,779 per person in 4 star hotels

**Adapt this holiday**

- Reverse the direction of travel
- Upgrade to 1st class Swiss Travel Pass £162 per person – great value
- Upgrade your hotel room
- Include half board from £414 (3 star) or £362 (4 star) per person
- Change your Weggis stay to Lucerne
- Change your stay in Locarno to Ascona or Lugano

Relaxing

TWO CENTRE HOLIDAYS

## 8 DAY LAKESIDE & HISTORIC TRANQUILLITY



Discover a great combination.  
Relaxing Brunnen on Lake  
Lucerne and Appenzell's charm -  
a new area to be discovered

Available all year

VORALPEN EXPRESS

4 nights in Brunnen  
3 nights in Appenzell

**Day 1. Arrive and enjoy the delightful village of Brunnen with a unique lakes and mountains landscape**

Flight from the UK to Zurich airport in under 2 hours with train to Brunnen located on the corner of the lake and with stunning views to the Gotthard peaks.

**Days 2-4. Brunnen is an excellent base to explore Lake Lucerne and the mountains of Central Switzerland**

This is the heart of Switzerland, with the Rütli Meadow - birthplace of the Swiss Confederation - just over the lake. This historic area also celebrates Wilhelm Tell at several locations. Your **Swiss Travel Pass** is a real bonus as it includes **free** and unlimited travel on the regular lake boats to both ends of the lake including to Lucerne and its beautiful Old Town. Travel to the scenic mountains of Rigi is a real must and Stanserhorn is also included as well as the local Stoos funicular.

**Day 5. Travel on the delightful Voralpen Express to Appenzell**

Leave the delights of Brunnen to reach Lucerne and there embark on this appealing journey on board the **Voralpen Express**. You'll cross Lake Zurich to Rapperswil and enjoy the rolling hills and pristine villages en route to Herisau. Change here to the charming local line to Appenzell for the last 30 minutes of your journey. Appenzell is a great favourite of the Swiss but yet to be discovered by the UK!

**Day 6-7. Discover Appenzell and its fabulous landscapes**

This delightful small town has an old centre with many buildings ornately decorated with frescoes some of which 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. With your **Swiss Travel Pass** you can enjoy **free** travel to Lake Konstanz (Bodensee) for a leisurely lake cruise to historic Stein am Rhein. Another great day out is to visit the Rhine Falls at Schaffhausen.

**Day 8. Last day**

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

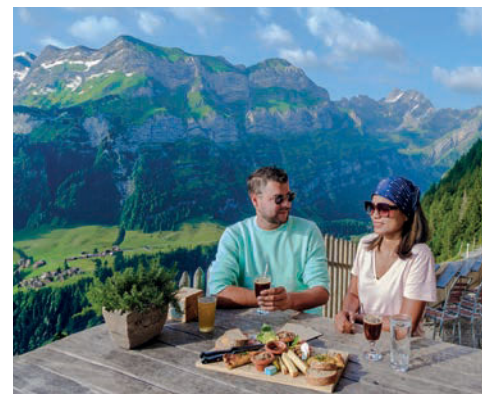




Stoos region



Appenzell region



Lake Lucerne

### Always included

#### FLIGHTS + HOTELS + RAIL

- Flights London-Zurich including taxes and hold baggage (other flights are available from around the UK)
- 8 day Swiss Travel Pass covering all rail journeys described and many more (2nd class).  
See page 5 for full details
- 7 nights' hotel accommodation bed and breakfast as described based on two people sharing
- Voralpen Express Lucerne-Herisau and regional rail travel Herisau-Appenzell (2nd class)
- Appenzeller Card with free local and mountain travel
- Personalised full detailed itinerary sent with all tickets
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

**Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.**

#### Available all year

Guide prices from £1,355 per person in 3 star hotels or from £1,698 per person in 4 star hotels

#### Adapt this holiday

Reverse the direction of travel

Upgrade to 1st class Swiss Travel Pass £198 per person – great value

Upgrade your hotel room

Include half board (Appenzell only) from £256 per person

Extend your holiday in your chosen resort

# Relaxing

 TWO CENTRE HOLIDAYS



## 12 DAY SUNNY LAKES & DRAMATIC MOUNTAINS



Enjoy Italian style, a beautiful lakeside village and the sweet mountain air of the Alps

Available 14 Apr-15 Oct

GOTTHARD PANORAMA EXPRESS

LUZERN-INTERLAKEN EXPRESS

3 nights in Lugano

4 nights in Weggis

4 nights in Wengen

### Day 1. Arrive and explore the lakeside resort of Lugano

Flight from the UK to Zurich in under 2 hours with connecting rail travel to Lugano. Welcome 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 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. Travel 1st class on the Gotthard Panorama Express to Weggis

Your next adventure is at a leisurely pace on the **Gotthard Panorama Express**. This unforgettable journey starts in special panoramic 1st class rail coaches for the spectacular journey through the original Gotthard Tunnel before meandering down to

Flüelen. Here you board the lake steamer on your 2 hour cruise criss-crossing beautiful Lake Lucerne all the way to the attractive lakeside village of Weggis.

### Days 5-7. Tranquil Weggis and the mountains of 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 to Wengen, including the scenic Luzern-Interlaken Express journey

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. Here, you board the local trains to Lauterbrunnen and then Wengen for 4 nights.



Lugano



### Days 9-11. Discover Wengen and the Jungfrau mountains

Wengen is an idyllic car free mountain village perched on a sun soaked terrace with spectacular views to the high Alps and easy access into the high mountains. Your **Swiss Travel Pass** gives you **free** rail travel back to Interlaken and its two lovely lakes as well as rail travel to Grindelwald and Mürren. Mountain transport, for which your pass gives a 50% discount, takes you directly into the Alps at Männlichen or Kleine Scheidegg for stunning scenery and spectacular walks. Travel up to the famous Jungfrauoch with a 25% reduction.

### Day 12. Last day

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



### Always included

#### FLIGHTS + HOTELS + RAIL

- Flights London-Zurich including taxes and hold baggage (other flights are available from around the UK)
- 15 day Swiss Travel Pass covering all rail journeys described and many more (2nd class). **See page 5 for full details**
- 11 nights' hotel accommodation bed and breakfast as described based on two people sharing
- 1st class lake steamer and rail travel on the Gotthard Panorama Express Lugano-Weggis with reserved seats on the train section
- Boat travel Weggis-Lucerne, reserved seats on the Luzern-Interlaken Express and regional rail travel Interlaken-Wengen (2nd class)
- Ticino Ticket in Lugano offering free bus and train travel around the region
- Personalised full detailed itinerary sent with all tickets
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

**Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.**

Available 14 April-15 October

Please note the Gotthard Panorama Express does not run on a Monday (see page 40)

Guide prices from £2,030 per person in 3 star hotels or from £2,592 per person in 4 star hotels

### Adapt this holiday

Reverse the direction of travel

Upgrade to 1st class Swiss Travel Pass £177 per person – great value

Include a 3 day 2nd class Jungfrau Travel Pass for your stay in Wengen

Upgrade your hotel room

Include half board from £389 (3 star) or £564 (4 star, excluding Lugano) per person

Extend your holiday by up to 3 nights in your chosen resort

# Three Centre

 SCENIC RAIL HOLIDAYS



15 DAY

## FOUR SCENIC JOURNEYS & TOP RESORTS



Experience Switzerland at its best: famous scenic journeys, resorts, high Alps & four stunning lakes

Available all year except 12 Oct-5 Dec

BERNINA EXPRESS  
GLACIER EXPRESS  
GOLDENPASS EXPRESS  
LUZERN-INTERLAKEN EXPRESS

5 nights in St. Moritz  
4 nights in Montreux  
5 nights in Interlaken

### Day 1. Arrive and enjoy views of the high Engadin Alps

Fly from the UK to Zurich in under 2 hours with connecting rail travel to St. Moritz. Welcome to your hotel for your 5 night stay and enjoy exploring this famous alpine resort.

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

The joy of a Swiss holiday is visiting the mountains and from late June to mid-October, your holiday includes the fabulous **Engadin Card** with unlimited **free** transport including mountain railways and cable cars, buses and local trains - real freedom of the Alps! Recommendations include the funicular and cable car to Piz Nair, often travelling above the clouds at 3,057m and with stunning views and lunch at the top! You are spoilt for choice of other trips. We include an **unforgettable day trip on the Bernina Express** from St. Moritz to Tirano in Italy. This stunning rail journey crosses the Alps with spectacular views en route - and time to enjoy an Italian lunch.

### Day 6. Travel to Montreux, including Glacier Express to Brig with lunch on board

This famous **Glacier Express** journey travels down to Chur through stunning scenery with majestic viaducts and along the awesome Rhine Gorge. You'll cross over the Alps via the impressive Oberalp Pass at 2,044m and it's then on 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 beautiful Swiss Riviera

Montreux is fascinating town, with cafés and a wonderful promenade which you can follow to the romantic Chillon Castle - entry is **free** with your **Swiss Travel Pass**, as is travel on the lake steamers and mainline trains so you can visit Geneva for the day, or perhaps Lausanne and the vineyards at Lavaux. The mountain railway to Les Rochers-de-



Naye at 50% reduction is highly recommended for spectacular views. Chaplin's World in Vevey is also a great visit with 50% off with your Riviera Card.

#### Day 10. Experience the GoldenPass Express to Interlaken

A day to savour with your journey on the **GoldenPass Express** to Interlaken. You start with a stunning ascent as you leave Montreux, heading for the high meadows and dramatic mountain views and passing through Gstaad to Zweisimmen. Here, the train switches track for your journey down the Simmen valley to Spiez and the final run alongside Lake Thun to Interlaken.

#### Days 11-14. Interlaken and the glorious Bernese Oberland

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. A favourite trip is a leisurely cruise from Interlaken to Brienz with a half price trip on the Brienz Rothorn steam railway which has been chugging away since 1892. You can also travel for free to the alpine villages of Wengen and Grindelwald. From here, the mountain railways and cable cars are offered with up to 50% reduction, or a memorable visit to the Jungfrauoch is available at 25% reduction. We also suggest a return day trip on the **Luzern-Interlaken Express** - this striking journey is 2 hours of relaxation and fabulous views each way as you travel over the Brünig Pass to Lucerne.

#### Day 15. Last day

Time for your last look around the shops of Interlaken before your journey back to Zurich airport.



Bernina Express



St. Moritz

## Always included

### FLIGHTS + HOTELS + RAIL

- Flights London-Zurich including taxes and hold baggage (other flights are available from around the UK)
- 15 day Swiss Travel Pass covering all rail journeys described and many more (2nd class). **See page 5 for full details**
- 14 nights' hotel accommodation bed and breakfast as described based on two people sharing
- Reserved return seats on the Bernina Express (2nd class)
- Lunch and reserved seats on the Glacier Express St. Moritz-Brig (2nd class)
- Regional rail travel Brig-Montreux (2nd class)
- Reserved seats on the GoldenPass Express Montreux-Interlaken (2nd class)
- Reserved return seats on the Luzern-Interlaken Express (2nd class)
- Engadin Inclusive Card during the summer months offering free and unlimited travel on mountain railways and cable cars around St. Moritz
- Riviera Card in Montreux offering free local buses and reductions to some local places of interest.
- Personalised full detailed itinerary sent with all tickets
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

**Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.**



Available all year except 12 October-5 December

Guide prices from £2,544 per person in 3 star hotels or from £2,952 per person in 4 star hotels

#### Adapt this holiday

Reverse the direction of travel

#### Travel in Excellence Class on the Glacier Express (see page 36)

Upgrade to 1st class Swiss Travel Pass £216 per person - great value

Upgrade your hotel room

Include half board (except Montreux) from £507 (3 star) or £670 (4 star) per person

# Three Centre

 SCENIC RAIL HOLIDAYS

# 15 DAY HIDDEN TREASURES



Charming scenic journeys off the beaten track, crossing the Alps not once but twice

Available all year

LUZERN-INTERLAKEN EXPRESS

LÖTSCHBERG LINE

CENTOVALLI LINE

GOTTHARD PANORAMA EXPRESS

5 nights in Interlaken

4 nights in Locarno

5 nights in Lucerne

### Day 1. Arrive in Interlaken and start to explore

Fly from the UK to Zurich in under 2 hours with rail travel to lively Interlaken. Welcome to your hotel for your 5 night stay - enjoy your first look at the resort and get your bearings.

### Days 2-5. In and around the stunning Bernese Oberland

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. A favourite trip is a leisurely cruise from Interlaken to Brienz with a half price trip on the Brienz Rothorn steam railway which has been chugging away since 1892. You can also travel for free to the alpine villages of Wengen and Grindelwald. From here, the mountain railways and cable cars are offered with up to 50% reduction, or a memorable visit to the Jungfrauoch is available at 25% reduction. We also include a return day trip on the **Luzern-Interlaken Express** - this striking journey is 2 hours of relaxation and fabulous views each way as you travel over the Brünig Pass to Lucerne.

### Day 6. Travel on two lesser known but fabulous scenic journeys to Locarno

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.

### Days 7-9 Enjoy the sunny Ticino region of Switzerland

Locarno is an ideal place to relax and enjoy the dolce vita with the famous Piazza Grande boutique shops and an inviting Mediterranean-style café culture. Your free **Ticino Ticket** gives you **free** travel on local transport including to the beautiful lakeside resort of Ascona. Historic Bellinzona with its famous three castles and Lugano with its fabulous lake promenade are also worth visiting.

### Day 10. Gotthard Panorama Express - a 1st class rail and boat journey to Lucerne

Your next adventure is at a leisurely pace on the **Gotthard Panorama Express**. This unforgettable journey starts in special panoramic 1st class coaches for the spectacular journey through the original Gotthard Tunnel before meandering down to Flüelen. Here you board the lake steamer on your 2½ hour cruise criss-crossing the beautiful lake all the way to the attractive town of Lucerne.



Locarno

**Days 11-14. Lakeside Lucerne and the mountains of Central Switzerland**

With your **Swiss Travel Pass**, Lucerne is perfectly placed to enjoy **free** travel around the dramatic scenery of Central Switzerland. A lake cruise is a great way to connect with your mountain trips. Also included free with your Swiss Travel Pass are the famous old cog railway or cable car to the stunning peak of Mount Rigi, the Stanserhorn open top deck cable car and the Stoos funicular, or trips further afield to Bern. Pilatus and other mountain railways and cable cars around Lake Lucerne are available at a 50% reduction.

**Day 15. 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.



Centovalli Line



Lucerne



Lake Brienz

**Always included**

**FLIGHTS + HOTELS + RAIL**

- Flights London-Zurich including taxes and hold baggage (other flights are available from around the UK)
- 15 day Swiss Travel Pass covering all rail journeys described and many more (2nd class). **See page 5 for full details**
- 14 nights' hotel accommodation bed and breakfast as described based on two people sharing
- Reserved return seats on the Luzern-Interlaken Express (2nd class)
- Lötschberg Regio Express, Centovalli Line and regional rail links Interlaken-Locarno (2nd class)
- Regional rail travel Locarno-Bellinzona (2nd class)
- 1st class travel on the Gotthard Panorama Express Bellinzona-Lucerne with reserved seats on the rail section
- Ticino Ticket in Locarno offering free bus and train travel around the region
- Personalised full detailed itinerary sent with all tickets
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

**Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.**

Available all year  
(see page 40 for full details)

Guide prices from £2,562 per person in 3 star hotels or from £3,102 per person in 4 star hotels

**Adapt this holiday**

Reverse the direction of travel

Upgrade to 1st class Swiss Travel Pass £216 per person – great value

Upgrade your hotel room

Include half board from £653 (3 star) or £728 (4 star) per person

Also available with Geneva flights

# Three Centre

 SCENIC RAIL HOLIDAYS



## 13 DAY FOUR LAKES SCENIC SPLENDOURS TOUR



Fabulous scenic journeys taking you twice across the Swiss Alps, to enjoy stays beside four beautiful lakes

Available 14 Apr-15 Oct

GOTTHARD PANORAMA EXPRESS

LUZERN-INTERLAKEN EXPRESS

GOLDENPASS EXPRESS

3 nights in Lugano

3 nights in Lucerne

3 nights in Bönigen

3 nights in La Tour-de-Peilz

### Day 1. Arrive and explore the lakeside resort of Lugano

Flight from the UK to Zurich in under 2 hours with connecting rail travel to Lugano. Welcome 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 beside Lake Lugano

Soak up the Italian 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 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 – perhaps a journey on the Centovalli Line and lunch in Domodossola.

### Day 4. Travel 1st class on the Gotthard Panorama Express to Lucerne

Your next adventure is at a leisurely pace on the **Gotthard Panorama Express**. This unforgettable journey starts in special panoramic 1st class rail coaches for the spectacular journey through the original Gotthard Tunnel before meandering down to Flüelen. Here you board the lake steamer on your 2½ hour cruise criss-crossing beautiful Lake Lucerne all the way to the old town of Lucerne.

### Days 5-6. Charming history and scenery beside Lake Lucerne

With your **Swiss Travel Pass** you can enjoy **free** travel around the dramatic scenery of Central Switzerland - a lake cruise is a great way to relax and connect with your mountain visits. Also free with your Swiss Travel Pass is travel to Mount Rigi via the cable car from Weggis or the railway from Vitznau, as well as the Stanserhorn open deck cable car and the Stoos funicular. The historic Old Town has wonderful sightseeing, shopping and restaurants. Pilatus and other mountain railways and cable cars around Lake Lucerne are available at a 50% reduction.

### Day 7. Luzern-Interlaken Express journey to Interlaken

This striking 2 hour journey is a joy as you travel along a very scenic route including the fabulous Brünig Pass, the resort of Meiringen and a final run alongside Lake Brienz into Interlaken. A 10 minute private transfer brings you to Bönigen, a tranquil, relaxing village on Lake Brienz ( from where you can also take advantage of the benefits of Interlaken).

### Days 8-9. Explore the glorious Bernese Oberland from Bönigen, your Lake Brienz base

An **Interlaken Card** is provided for free travel into town. With your **Swiss Travel Pass** you can enjoy **free** travel on cruises around the lakes of Thun and Brienz and travel to the stunning Jungfrau

mountain villages 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. GoldenPass Express to Montreux - an exceptional scenic journey

A day to look forward to, with the **GoldenPass Express** all the way to Montreux. Enjoy views of Lake Thun as you head into the mountains and the Simmen Valley to Zweisimmen. Here, the train switches track and travels on to the alpine resort of Gstaad, before the descent into Montreux, with fabulous views of Lake Geneva. It's a short rail journey to Vevey and private transfer to La Tour-de-Peilz. This lovely lakeside setting offers a quiet alternative to the bustle of Montreux.

#### Days 11-12. Explore Vevey and Montreux on glittering Lake Geneva

Situated a short walk from Vevey, a Tour-de-Peilz holiday also benefits from the **Riviera Card** offering **free** local transport to Montreux. This fascinating town has a lively café culture, and a wonderful promenade which you can follow to the romantic Chillon Castle. Entry is **free** with your **Swiss Travel Pass**, as is travel on the lake steamers and mainline trains so you can visit Geneva for the day, or perhaps Lausanne and the vineyards at Lavaux. The mountain railway to Les Rochers-de-Naye at 50% reduction is highly recommended for spectacular views. Chaplin's World in Vevey is also a great visit with 50% off with your Riviera Card.

#### Day 13. Last day

Time for your last look at Lake Geneva before your journey back to the UK.

## Always included

### FLIGHTS + HOTELS + RAIL

- Flights London-Zurich including taxes and hold baggage (other flights are available from around the UK)
- 15 day Swiss Travel Pass covering all rail journeys described and many more (2nd class). **See page 5 for full details**
- 12 nights' hotel accommodation bed and breakfast as described based on two people sharing
- 1st class travel on the Gotthard Panorama Express Lugano-Lucerne with reserved seats on the rail section
- Reserved seats on the Luzern-Interlaken Express (2nd class) and local transfer to your hotel in Bönigen
- Reserved seats on the GoldenPass Express Interlaken-Montreux and regional rail to Vevey with local transfer to your hotel in La Tour-de-Peilz
- Ticino Ticket in Lugano offering free bus and train travel around the region
- Interlaken Card in Bönigen offering free local travel
- Montreux Riviera Card in La Tour-de-Peilz offering free local buses and reductions on local places of interest
- Personalised full detailed itinerary sent with all tickets
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

**Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.**



Available 14 April-15 October  
Please note the Gotthard Panorama Express does not run on a Monday (see page 40)

Guide prices from £2,317 per person in 3 star hotels  
or from £2,623 per person in 4 star hotels

### Adapt this holiday

Reverse the direction of travel

Change your stay in Lucerne to Weggis, Bönigen to Interlaken or La Tour-de-Peilz to Montreux

Upgrade to 1st class Swiss Travel Pass £177 per person – great value

Upgrade your hotel room

Include half board from £479 (3 star) or £426 (4 star, excluding Lugano) per person

Extend your holiday by up to 2 nights in your chosen resort

# Scenic Rail

 TOURING HOLIDAYS



St. Moritz

## 15 DAY GRAND SCENIC TRAIN TOUR



Experience five scenic rail journeys with six stunning resorts across Switzerland

Available 14 Apr-5 Oct

- LUZERN-INTERLAKEN EXPRESS
- GOLDENPASS EXPRESS
- GLACIER EXPRESS
- BERNINA EXPRESS
- GOTTHARD PANORAMA EXPRESS

- 3 nights in Interlaken
- 2 nights in Montreux
- 2 nights in Zermatt
- 2 nights in St. Moritz
- 2 nights in Lugano
- 3 nights in Lucerne

### Day 1. Arrive and explore Interlaken

Fly from the UK to Zurich in under 2 hours with rail travel to lively Interlaken. Welcome to your hotel and enjoy your first look at the resort.

### Days 2-3. In and around the glorious Bernese Oberland

Enjoy **free** unlimited travel with your **Swiss Travel Pass** on the Lakes of Thun and Brienz, or trips to the alpine villages of Wengen and Grindelwald where onward mountain railways and cable cars are offered at up to 50% reduction. A memorable visit to the Jungfrauoch is available at 25% reduction. We also include a return day trip on the **Luern-Interlaken Express** - this striking journey is 2 hours of relaxation and fabulous views each way as you travel over the Brünig Pass to Lucerne.

### Days 4-5. GoldenPass Express to Montreux and stunning Lake Geneva

The **GoldenPass Express** journey takes you along Lake Thun, then heads into the scenic mountains before a spectacular descent towards Lake Geneva with unforgettable views. Enjoy your time in Montreux with its cafés and a wonderful promenade which you can follow to the romantic Chillon Castle - entry is **free** with your **Swiss Travel Pass**, as is travel on the lake steamers. The mountain railway to Les Rochers-de-Naye at 50% reduction is highly recommended.

### Days 6-7. Travel to Zermatt and explore the beautiful Alps

Regional rail from the lake to the high Alps - and your first glimpse of the Matterhorn! Charming Zermatt is a delight to explore and

there are plenty of mountain rail and cable cars available at a 50% reduction. Take a trip to Klein Matterhorn at 3,883m, or 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 8. Glacier Express to St. Moritz including lunch

Relax on the leisurely **Glacier Express** for the full 7½ journey to St. Moritz. This wonderful journey includes a 3 course lunch served at your table; drinks are available to buy throughout the journey. Scenic highlights include the Oberalp Pass, Rhine Gorge and the Landwasser Viaduct.

### Day 9. A day in St. Moritz and the Upper Engadin region

The joy of a Swiss holiday is visiting the mountains and during the summer months, your holiday includes the fabulous **Engadin Card** with unlimited **free** transport including mountain railways and cable cars, buses and local trains - real freedom of the Alps!

### Day 10. Bernina Express journey to Lugano

Magnificent mountain views abound as you travel on the **Bernina Express** to Tirano. The Bernina Bus then takes you through Italian countryside and crosses back to Lugano. Time to enjoy an evening stroll along the stunning lake.

### Day 11. Lakeside Lugano and the sunny Ticino region

Lugano is a lovely resort with an Italian influence on its



architecture and cuisine. Your **Ticino Ticket** gives **free** travel on local trains and buses to help make the most of your holiday. Or why not take a lake cruise, **free** with your **Swiss Travel Pass**, to the picturesque village of Gandria.

#### Day 12. 1st class Gotthard Panorama Express to Lucerne

Your next adventure is at a leisurely pace with 1st class panoramic carriages taking 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 13-14. Explore Lucerne's Old Town and surrounding beauty

With your **Swiss Travel Pass**, Lucerne is perfectly placed to enjoy **free** travel around the dramatic scenery of Central Switzerland including the famous old cog railway to the stunning peak of Mount Rigi or the Stanserhorn open top deck cable car.

#### Day 15. Last day

Enjoy a coffee and stroll around Lucerne before your train back to the airport.



### Always included

#### FLIGHTS + HOTELS + RAIL

- Flights London-Zurich including taxes and hold baggage (other flights are available from around the UK)
- 15 day Swiss Travel Pass covering all rail journeys described and many more (2nd class). **See page 5 for full details**
- 14 nights' hotel accommodation bed and breakfast as described based on two people sharing
- Reserved return seats on the Luzern-Interlaken Express (2nd class)
- Reserved seats GoldenPass Express Interlaken-Montreux (2nd class)
- Regional rail travel Montreux-Zermatt (2nd class)
- Lunch and reserved seats on the Glacier Express Zermatt-St. Moritz and reserved seats Bernina Express St. Moritz-Lugano (both 2nd class)
- 1st class travel on the Gotthard Panorama Express Lugano-Lucerne with reserved seats on the rail section
- Personalised full detailed itinerary sent with all tickets
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

**Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.**



Lucerne



Chillon, Montreux



Glacier Express



Zermatt

Available 14 April-5 October  
Please note the Gotthard Panorama Express does not run on a Monday (see page 40)

Guide prices from £2,671 per person in 3 star hotels  
or from £3,242 per person in 4 star hotels

#### Adapt this holiday

Reverse the direction of travel

#### Travel in Excellence Class on the Glacier Express (see page 36)

Upgrade to 1st class Swiss Travel Pass £177 per person – great value

Upgrade your hotel room

Include half board from £552 (3 star, except Montreux) or £595 (4 star, except Montreux and Lugano) per person

Also available with Geneva flights

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 TOURING HOLIDAYS



## 15 DAY WINTER GRAND TOUR



Dramatic winter scenes & spectacular rail journeys crossing Switzerland's high Alps in style

Available all year except 12 Oct-5 Dec, recommended for winter

TRENO GOTTARDO  
LUZERN-INTERLAKEN  
EXPRESS  
GOLDENPASS EXPRESS  
GLACIER EXPRESS  
BERNINA EXPRESS

2 nights in Locarno  
3 nights in Lucerne  
3 nights in Interlaken  
2 nights in Montreux  
2 nights in Brig  
2 nights in Chur

### Day 1. Arrive and explore lakeside Locarno

Fly from the UK to Zurich in under 2 hours with connecting rail travel to Locarno. Welcome to your hotel and enjoy your first views of Locarno and Lake Maggiore.

### Days 2. Enjoy the Ticino region and the Centovalli Line

Locarno is situated south of the Alps - an ideal place to enjoy the dolce vita with the famous Piazza Grande boutique shops and an inviting Mediterranean-style café culture. Your free **Ticino Ticket** gives you **free** travel on local transport including to the beautiful lakeside resort of Ascona and Bellinzona with its famous castles. Alternatively, with your **Swiss Travel Pass** enjoy **free** return travel on the stunning Centovalli Line to Domodossola in Italy.

### Day 3. Travel on the Treno Gottardo line to Flüelen, with a cruise on to Lucerne

The **Treno Gottardo** travels slowly via the old Gotthard tunnel on looping mountain tracks, with some fabulous winter scenery to enjoy. On arrival in Flüelen you join the lake boat for a scenic cruise along the whole length of the lake to historic Lucerne. Consider upgrading to 1st class on the upper deck!

### Days 4-5. Lakeside Lucerne and the mountains of 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. The famous old cog railway to the stunning snowy peak

of Mount Rigi with winter walking trails, 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 6. Scenic Luzern-Interlaken Express journey to Interlaken

This striking 2 hour journey is a joy as you travel along a very scenic winter landscape including the fabulous Brünig Pass, the resort of Meiringen and a final run alongside Lake Brienz and into Interlaken.

### Days 7-8. Explore the glorious Bernese Oberland

With your **Swiss Travel Pass** you can enjoy **free** travel on cruises around the lake of Thun 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 Schilthorn or 25% discount to Jungfrauoch- Top of Europe.

### Day 9. GoldenPass Express to Montreux - an exceptional scenic journey

A day to look forward to, with the **GoldenPass Express** all the way to Montreux. Enjoy views of Lake Thun as you head into the mountains and the Simmen Valley to Zweisimmen. Here, the train switches track and travels on to the alpine winter resort of Gstaad, before the descent into Montreux, with fabulous views of Lake Geneva.

### Day 10. In and around Montreux on the beautiful Swiss Riviera

Montreux is fascinating town, with a wonderful promenade which you can follow to the romantic Chillon Castle - entry is free with your **Swiss**

**Travel Pass**, as is mainline trains so you can visit Geneva for the day, or perhaps Lausanne passing through the vineyards at Lavaux. The mountain railway to Les Rochers-de-Naye at 50% reduction is highly recommended for spectacular snowy views.

**Days 11-12. Travel along the Rhône Valley to Brig and a great choice of trips**

You have 2 nights in historic Brig. With your **Swiss Travel Pass** you can take your pick of stunning visits, including **free** travel to the Matterhorn village of Zermatt - maybe even plan a trip on the Gornergrat railway (50% reduction). Alternatively, you can head for the amazing Aletsch Glacier where we recommend buying a local pass for walks with truly awesome views. You will be spoilt for choice!

**Day 13. Glacier Express to Chur including lunch**

Sit back and relax in your reserved seat on this leisurely 4 hour **Glacier Express** winter experience to Chur. You will be served lunch while travelling through the picturesque Goms Valley en route to the highest point of the journey - the Oberalp Pass. Then it's a spectacular finale to your journey travelling alongside the Rhine and through the Grand Canyon of Switzerland to Chur.

**Day 14. Chur and the wonderful Rhaetian Railway**

Chur lies at the heart of the scenic railways. The **Bernina Express** to Tirano is an unbelievable journey - a full day (4 hours each way) travelling through the high Alps via fantastic bridges, viaducts and tunnels with dramatic scenery to enjoy. Time for a quick Italian lunch in Tirano before your spectacular return to Chur. An alternative shorter journey is the route to St. Moritz, or the attractive Arosa Line.

**Day 15. Last day**

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



**Always included**

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- 15 day Swiss Travel Pass covering all rail journeys described and many more (2nd class). **See page 5 for full details**
- 14 nights' hotel accommodation bed and breakfast as described based on two people sharing
- Treno Gottardo and lake cruise Locarno-Lucerne (2nd class)
- Reserved seats on the Luzern-Interlaken Express (2nd class)
- Reserved seats on the GoldenPass Express Interlaken-Montreux (2nd class)
- Regional rail Montreux-Brig (2nd class)
- Reserved seats and lunch on the Glacier Express Brig-Chur (2nd class)
- Reserved return seats on the Bernina Express Chur-Tirano (2nd class)
- Ticino Ticket offering free bus and train travel around the region
- Riviera Card in Montreux offering free local buses and reductions on local places of interest
- Personalised full detailed itinerary sent with all tickets
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

**Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking and note that resorts are quieter in the winter period with less activity.**



Available all year except 12 October-5 December but designed for the winter period

Guide prices from £2,322 per person in 3 star hotels or from £2,619 per person in 4 star hotels

**Adapt this holiday**

- Reverse the direction of travel
- Upgrade to 1st class Swiss Travel Pass £216 per person - great value
- Upgrade your hotel room
- Include half board from £615 (3 star, except Montreux) or £515 (4 star, except Montreux and Interlaken) per person
- Decide on the shorter Bernina Express excursion, or the Arosa Line

**Scenic Rail**





## GLACIER EXPRESS

### CROSS THE ALPS IN STYLE



A true highlight of a holiday to Switzerland is a journey on the Glacier Express, one of the world's most famous scenic routes. Immerse yourself in the outstanding panoramic views and enjoy the three course lunch served at your seat.

The Glacier Express has been running for over 90 years between the Matterhorn village of Zermatt and glamorous St. Moritz. The panoramic trip takes you across the heart of the Swiss Alps, over 291 bridges and through 91 tunnels, winding its way through remote valleys, past sheer rock faces and idyllic mountain villages. Thanks to the large panoramic windows, you have clear views of mountain peaks, deep gorges and UNESCO protected landscapes. Some of the highlights include the Rhine Gorge (the Grand Canyon of Switzerland), the impressive Landwasser Viaduct and the highest point of the journey at the Oberalp Pass: 2,033m above sea level.

You should set aside a day for this remarkable journey - it takes almost 8 hours for the full route between St. Moritz and Zermatt. A shorter journey between Chur and Brig is around 4½ hours.

### On board the Glacier Express

The huge panoramic windows extend into the roof so that you can gaze upon the highest peaks as you travel. All carriages were all refurbished in 2021 - they are air conditioned and offer comfortable seating. 1st class carriages have fewer passengers and seats which are slightly bigger. To enhance your enjoyment, English commentary is provided via headphones which you plug into your smartphone. Windows at the carriage entrances can be lowered for reflection-free photography.

### Dining on the Glacier Express

Dining is a leisurely experience as the ever changing scenery slowly passes by. Your pre-booked lunch, which is freshly prepared in the galley kitchen, is served at your seat. Further refreshments are available to purchase.





### Excellence Class

You'll be greeted on the platform at the private check-in desk and your luggage stowed for you. On board, you'll find that there are only 20 places in the VIP carriage - all of them guaranteed to be window seats - and a dedicated in-carriage bar which provides a welcome drink. Tea and coffee and soft drinks are provided throughout the day, and you have access to a tablet packed with information about the journey. The superb food offering is a highlight, with each passenger being served a seasonal 5 course menu, with accompanying wines. This is a fabulous way to enjoy the journey, perhaps during an anniversary or birthday celebration. Available at a supplement in addition to 1st class prices.

#### Glacier Express at a glance

<b>Operating</b>	Daily   All year (except 13 Oct-6 Dec 24 and 12 Oct-5 Dec 25)
<b>Calls at</b>	Zermatt, Brig, Andermatt, Chur, St. Moritz <b>OR</b> vice versa
<b>Duration</b>	Zermatt-St. Moritz 8 hours; Brig-Chur 4½ hours
<b>Seating choice</b>	Excellence Class, 1st class, 2nd class
<b>Catering</b>	Lunch included, served at seat
<b>Connects with</b>	Bernina Express
<b>Not possible as a return day trip</b>	
Suggested holidays, see pages 10, 14, 26, 32, 34	

#### The Swiss Holiday Company service

-  Rail tickets booked for you
-  Seat reservations confirmed
-  Lunch included
-  Personalised itinerary detailing connections



# BERNINA EXPRESS

FROM MIGHTY GLACIERS TO SWAYING PALMS



Crossing the Alps from Switzerland to Italy and back again, the Bernina Express is the highest mountain railway in the Alps. This beloved line combines virtuoso engineering skills with glorious surrounding landscapes.

The full journey starts in Chur and features 55 tunnels and 196 bridges. Travel through the Albula Valley, with a looping route between Bergün and Preda and a crossing over the Landwasser Viaduct. After St. Moritz, there are views of the Morteratsch Glacier and Bernina Diavolezza, and you climb to the highest point on the line: 2,253m. The train pauses at Alp Grüm where you can take photos of the beautiful alpine views. A meandering descent features the Lago di Poschiavo and the Brusio viaduct with its 360-degree curve - necessary to overcome the difference in altitude. You'll cross the Italian border and arrive in Tirano, a small town with welcoming restaurants for lunch. If you are travelling onwards to Lugano, the comfortable Bernina Bus takes you through the Italian countryside - past vineyards and picturesque little villages - and along Lake Como before you cross back into Switzerland.

## Bernina Express as part of a multi centre holiday

The Bernina Express train and coach journey takes you on the slow, scenic route through the Alps via Italy. It can be used to connect Chur with Lugano (9 hours) or St. Moritz/Pontresina with Lugano (7 hours) and offers comfortable travel with glorious views.

## Enjoying Bernina Express as a day trip

This is available for those staying in Chur (4 hours each way) and St. Moritz or Pontresina (2½ hours each way). You will have a couple of hours to stretch your legs and time for an Italian lunch in Tirano before your return journey. Highly recommended for the outstanding views of this beautiful region.

## On board the Bernina Express train

All carriages are air conditioned and very comfortable, while 1st class carriages have slightly bigger seats and fewer passengers. Commentary of the most important sights is provided via the carriage speakers or can be sent to your smartphone. Thanks to the panoramic windows extending into the roof, the mountains soar majestically before your eyes.

Included in the price is an exclusive Bernina Express iced tea drink (made with herbs from the lush meadows of Valposchiavo), and a souvenir box filled with Lindt chocolate hearts. A trolley service is available for purchasing snacks and drinks during the journey.

Bernina Express at a glance	
<b>Operating</b>	Chur-Tirano: Daily   All year Tirano-Lugano: Daily   27 Mar-26 Oct Thur-Sun   13 Feb-23 Mar & 30 Oct-23 Nov
<b>Calls at</b>	Chur, St. Moritz, Pontresina, Tirano, Lugano <b>OR</b> vice versa Connect via Filisur for Davos
<b>Duration</b>	Chur-Tirano 4 hours; St. Moritz-Tirano 2½ hours; Chur-Lugano 9 hours; St. Moritz-Lugano 7 hours
<b>Seating choice</b>	1st class, 2nd class
<b>Catering</b>	Souvenir chocolates included; trolley service
<b>Connects with</b>	Glacier Express, Gotthard Panorama Express
Possible as a return day trip from Chur, Davos, St. Moritz or Pontresina	
Suggested holidays, see pages 14, 26, 32, 34	

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GoldenPass Express



Mountains above Interlaken



Montreux



GoldenPass 1st Class

## GOLDENPASS EXPRESS

SUPERB SCENIC JOURNEY BETWEEN INTERLAKEN & MONTREUX



Thanks to world-class engineering, passengers no longer need to change trains on this popular journey: the new trains now travel seamlessly through the spectacular scenery. With a popular resort to enjoy at either end, this makes for a wonderful holiday.

On this picturesque route, you'll enjoy views of Lake Thun and the pyramid shaped Mount Niesen as you depart Interlaken. The railway line heads inland after Spiez - into the mountains and through a narrow gorge before the Simmen Valley. From Zweisimmen, the train climbs to its highest point at Saanenmöser and on towards the chic mountain resort of Gstaad. Look out for hot air balloons around Chateau-d'Oex then it's through the valley and the long Jaman Tunnel. At Les Avants, you'll enjoy scenic woodlands and meadows. The dramatically winding descent towards Montreux offers spectacular views of Lake Geneva.

The GoldenPass Express runs four times a day in each direction between Interlaken and Montreux and the journey takes 3 hours 15 minutes.

### On board the GoldenPass Express

Panoramic windows extend into the roofspace for amazing views of the beautiful landscape. Being brand new, both the 2nd and 1st class carriages are very comfortable; the latter has bigger seats and more space. For your refreshment, there is an at-seat catering service with drinks and snacks. Breakfast or lunch plates can be pre-ordered.

### Prestige Class

Prestige Class offers superbly comfortable seats which are raised 40cm higher against the windows, allowing you to feel as if you are truly in the midst of the scenery through which you are passing. For an extra touch of luxury, the seats are heated - a real treat in the winter months. Prestige Class passengers can pre-order a caviar and Champagne package.

### GoldenPass Belle Epoque

This historic version runs between Zweisimmen and Montreux. The nostalgic, beautifully renovated 1930s carriages offer an opportunity to step back in time and experience travel from a bygone era.



GoldenPass Express at a glance	
Operating	Daily   All year
Calls at	Interlaken, Spiez, Zweisimmen, Gstaad, Montreux OR vice versa
Duration	Interlaken-Montreux 3½ hours
Seating choice	Prestige Class, 1st class, 2nd class
Catering	At seat service or pre-book catering packages
Connects with	Luzern-Interlaken Express, Lötschberg Regio Express
Possible as a return day trip from Montreux	
Suggested holidays, see pages 16, 18, 26, 30, 32, 34	

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Luzern-Interlaken Express



Mount Rigi, Lake Lucerne



Bistro Car



Lake Thun, winter

## LUZERN-INTERLAKEN EXPRESS

RELAXING JOURNEY THROUGH LAKES & MOUNTAINS SCENERY



This scenic panoramic train connects favourite resorts in a two hour journey through the very heart of Switzerland, passing 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 along this popular route. Board the train with its distinctive red livery in historic Lucerne, and you travel along the lakeside to Alpnachstad where the Pilatus cog railway starts its amazing ascent. You'll travel along the Saaner lake and then for the section from Giswil, the train is required to engage its cog rail system to overcome a gradient four times steeper than the famous Gotthard line.

Another scenic lake (Lungern) comes into view after which you head through picturesque countryside towards the Brünig Pass which - at a height of over 1,000m - links Central Switzerland with the Bernese Oberland. The journey continues to Meiringen, starting point for visits to the region's gorges and mountain lakes as well the thundering Reichenbach Falls, made famous by Sherlock Holmes' watery end. The train descends towards Brienz and here you again travel along a picturesque lakeshore as you make your way to Interlaken. On arrival, look up for lovely views towards the Jungfrau mountains.

### On board the Luzern-Interlaken Express

The modern, air conditioned carriages are available in 1st and 2nd class and offer comfortable seating and large panoramic windows, allowing you to fully enjoy the passing scenery. Why not download the train's LiveGuide app which displays a live map and interesting information about where you are on the journey at any given moment.

### Bistro car

The train has a bistro car where you can sit and enjoy tea/coffee, soft drinks, beer and a choice of breakfast items, snacks and selected main meals. The baked goods on offer are produced by local bakeries in

Interlaken and Lucerne. Alternatively, a new service means that you can order via an app and have your refreshments brought directly to your seat.



#### Luzern-Interlaken Express at a glance

<b>Operating</b>	Daily   All year
<b>Calls at</b>	Lucerne, Meiringen, Brienz, Interlaken OR vice versa
<b>Duration</b>	Lucerne-Interlaken 2 hours
<b>Seating choice</b>	1st class, 2nd class
<b>Catering</b>	Bistro car
<b>Connects with</b>	GoldenPass Express, Gotthard Panorama Express, Lötschberg Regio Express, Voralpen Express, Treno Gottardo
<b>Possible as a return day trip from either Interlaken or Lucerne</b>	
<b>Suggested holidays, see pages 6, 12, 16, 18, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34</b>	

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Gotthard Panorama Express lake section



Lugano



## GOTTHARD PANORAMA EXPRESS

### HISTORIC BOAT AND TRAIN JOURNEY THROUGH THE ALPS



This is an enchanting journey which combines a tranquil cruise along the length of picturesque Lake Lucerne with a train ride through the heart of the Gotthard mountains and the sunny Ticino region. Travel is in 1st class throughout.

The new 57km Gotthard Base Tunnel whisks you from Lucerne to Lugano under 2 hours. However, we love the historic - and far more scenic - way of travelling between these two resorts! You'll 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 onwards towards the original 15km alpine tunnel which dates from 1882. The looping track also gives amazing views of the landscape, including views from three different angles of the Wassen Church. You'll continue down through the picturesque Ticino region to Lugano.

#### On board the Gotthard Panorama Express

The boats on Lake Lucerne are a joy, particularly in 1st class which is located on the top deck. Here you will have room to relax and enjoy the stunning lake views as you sip a coffee or a cold beer. The first class dining room is an excellent place to enjoy lunch if you wish, with meals prepared on board in the galley kitchen.

The train is waiting for you in Flüelen. The 1st class carriages are roomy and comfortable, with large panoramic windows to enhance your enjoyment of the views. Information about the historic route is played out and you also have a guide on your train to point out special points of interest. During the journey you can head to the photo coach which has windows that open for reflection-free pictures. There is a selection of snacks and drinks available from the at-seat trolley service.

#### Gotthard Panorama Express operating dates

The official journey can be enjoyed Tuesday-Sunday from 18 April to 19 October. However, it is still possible to travel on the same route on Mondays, and also during the November-March period. Boats sail across Lake Lucerne all year - albeit with a more limited service in winter - and you may be sailing aboard a comfortable motorboat rather than a steamship. At Flüelen, you can connect with the Treno Gottardo service to Locarno which also runs through the Gotthard mountains via Bellinzona where it is an easy change to the local train for Lugano. This route offers both 1st and 2nd class travel.

Lugano and the Ticino region lie south of the Alps and have the warmest climate in Switzerland. You can therefore enjoy pleasantly mild weather even in spring and autumn.

#### Gotthard Panorama Express at a glance

<b>Operating</b>	Officially Tuesday-Sunday   18 Apr-19 Oct However, travel on the route is possible year round
<b>Calls at</b>	Lucerne, Weggis, Flüelen, Bellinzona, Lugano OR vice versa
<b>Duration</b>	Lucerne-Lugano 5 ½ hours
<b>Seating choice</b>	1st class
<b>Catering</b>	Trolley service on train; restaurant area on lake steamer
<b>Connects with</b>	Luzern-Interlaken Express, Voralpen Express, Bernina Express
Possible as a return day trip for the separate sections - from Lucerne as a round boat trip; by train from Lugano to Arth Goldau & return	
Suggested holidays, see pages 20, 24, 28, 30, 32	

#### The Swiss Holiday Company service

- Rail tickets booked for you
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## More scenic railways

### PICTURESQUE ROUTES ACROSS SWITZERLAND



Treno Gottardo



Locarno



Appenzell region

#### 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. You'll cross the Langwieser Viaduct and enjoy dramatic scenery before the train winds its way into alpine Arosa. Available all year.

#### CENTOVALLI LINE

Known as the 100 valleys, the Centovalli is a scenic region on the Swiss/Italian border. The route twists its way past small villages in a constantly changing landscape as it meanders from Locarno to Domodossola in Italy. Enjoy a browse around this historic town then either join the mainline rail route through the Simplon Tunnel to Brig, or return to Locarno. Available all year.



Centovalli Line



Arosa

#### 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 through the countryside towards Spiez and hugs the shore of picturesque Lake Thun. Available all year.

#### TRENO GOTTARDO

A wonderful new addition to the scenic rail portfolio, the Treno Gottardo transports you by rail between Lucerne and Locarno. From Flüelen, it follows the same snaking route over the mountains as the Gotthard Panorama Express train, but terminates in Locarno rather than Lugano. The scenery is outstanding – throughout your 3 ½ hour journey you will be treated to spectacular mountain views and will be struck by the change in scenery once in the southern Ticino region. Available all year.

#### VORALPEN EXPRESS

Also known as the Pre-Alpine Express, this line connects the historic towns of Lucerne and St. Gallen, taking in delightful Swiss countryside on the 2¼ hour journey. A short onward journey takes you to Appenzell. Enjoy views over the rolling foothills of the Alps, idyllic villages, shimmering Lake Zurich and the Sitter Viaduct which is Switzerland's tallest railway bridge. For travel to Appenzell change at Herisau, before the Viaduct. Available all year.



## Switzerland for all seasons

You can enjoy the classic scenic rail routes throughout the year, with spectacular seasonal landscapes. Each season brings its own magic with delicate blooms in spring, the fantastic contrasts of deep blue sky and lush green meadows in summer, glorious hues in autumn and a blanket of pristine white snow in winter. The change of scenery across the seasons is dramatic - and highly recommended for experiencing a different perspective even if you are familiar with the scenic rail routes.

The itineraries in this brochure indicate when they are available through the year. There are a few considerations when choosing your holiday, whether it is one of our suggested itineraries or a tailor-made creation of your own:

**Towns and lakeside resorts** such as Interlaken, Montreux, Lucerne, Lugano, Brig and Chur are available year round. They have plenty of attractions in town and there are enjoyable excursions on the lake and in the mountains no matter what the season.

**Alpine villages** such as Wengen and Zermatt have two distinct seasons. December-April is the winter sports season but you can visit as a non-skier and still enjoy the fantastic scenery, winter walks and cosy hot chocolates! Spring doesn't really arrive in the mountains until late May and in higher altitude resorts such as St. Moritz the full service of cable cars may not start operating until late June. The season generally goes through to mid October, perfect for the enjoying the autumnal scenery.



The **scenic trains** also have a few seasonal considerations. The Glacier Express undergoes maintenance from mid October to mid December. The Bernina Express is year round but the Bernina Bus between Tirano and Lugano operates February to November. The Gotthard Panorama Express operates April to October while the Luzern-Interlaken Express and GoldenPass Express run daily, throughout the year. Please see the individual train pages for details and note that we can still organise travel on 'ordinary' trains running over the scenic routes as necessary.

Availability on the **Glacier and Bernina Express** can be difficult during the peak times of mid June - late September, so we would urge you to book early if you would particularly like to travel during those weeks.

In whichever season you want to experience beautiful Switzerland, our knowledgeable team will be happy to work through the logistics and help you to pair your perfect resorts with your preferred rail journeys. Then all you need do is look forward with anticipation to immersing yourself in the extraordinary lakes and mountains landscape.





## Scenic day trip recommendations

### LEGENDS OF LAKE LUCERNE

Brand new for 2025 is the superb day cruise 'Legends of Lake Lucerne'. This exclusive cruise is like no other on the lake as the restored paddle steamer MS Gallia has been commissioned for VIP service daily throughout the summer. With only 65 passengers on board and a fine lunch included, this is an unforgettable way to experience the sparkling water of Lake Lucerne, the view of scenic villages which line the water, and the stunning Alps rising to the heavens.

You will be welcomed on board at Lucerne's boat station and immediately be struck by the nostalgia of the Gallia steamship. Built in 1913, the Gallia is the fastest steamer in Europe thanks to her two-cylinder steam engine and a sleek hull design. Take a stroll around to discover the ornate dining salon with its Belle Epoque style and the open upper deck with sun awning.

Your four hour cruise takes you almost the full length of the lake from Lucerne to Rütli – birthplace of the Swiss confederation - and back again, with magnificent views of the mountains. During the excursion, you will be treated to a five course menu, prepared in the ship's kitchens using regional ingredients. Two courses are served à table in the salon and the others in a more informal style so that guests have free rein around the boat.

The Gallia has a capacity of 900 passengers, so with only 65 guests on board this really is a VIP experience with staff attending to your every need. As well as serving your lunch, the crew and the Captain are on hand to answer your questions about the history and operation of the ship and to give you an insight to the glorious landscape and the legends of Lake Lucerne. This is the heartland of Switzerland – where neighbouring cantons came together to form the genesis of a new country in 1215, and where the events of the William Tell legend took place.

As you glide over the still waters on your way back to Lucerne, enjoy perfect relaxation with the translucent lake, the picturesque scenery and the mighty peaks combining to enchant you on this most memorable experience.

09.35 Welcome on board in Lucerne

09.45 Departure for the full round trip

13.45-14.00 Disembark in Lucerne

See pages 8, 12, 16, 20, 22, 24, 28, 30, 32 for itineraries based in Lucerne, Weggis or Brunnen which are all suited to enjoying this excursion.

Please note that if a minimum number of bookings is not reached 48 hours before sailing, the excursion will be cancelled and a full refund issued.



### Included in your trip

- 4 hours round trip on beautiful Lake Lucerne
- Exclusive VIP sailing, with only 65 passengers on board
- Plenty of space, peaceful atmosphere
- 5 course lunch prepared in the galley kitchen using regional produce
- Drinks including water, soft drinks, wine, beer, tea and coffee
- Insightful conversations with the Captain and crew members

Available 15 May – 15 September 2025

£405 per person if your holiday includes a 1st class Swiss Travel Pass

£429 per person with a 2nd class Pass



