

GRAND TOUR OF SWITZERLAND July 20- 29 2024

SOME OF SWITZERLAND'S MOST BEAUTIFUL SCENERY and interesting cities with overnights in Zurich, St. Moritz, Lugano, Zermatt or Täsch, the Lausanne area, and Lucerne. Switzerland is famous for its stunning sceneries. Enjoy a panoramic drive through the high Alps to the tiny Principality of Liechtenstein. Witness quaint villages, finely carved chalets, green pastures, beautiful forests, magnificent mountain peaks, and rolling, green hills on your way to St. Moritz, one of the world's most famous resorts.

IN TASCH, board a mountain train to car-free Zermatt, a picturesque cluster of rustic chalets beneath the famous Matterhorn. THEN, Lake Maggiore, Italy's second-largest lake; Lake Geneva; & Lake Lugano. and, more... Lake Lucerne, situated in the shadows of the snow-capped Alps. THEN, journey aboard the Bernina Express train from St Moritz to Tirano, Italy riding on the highest railway across the Alps - glaciers, stunning mountain streams, and alpine scenery plus tunnels and crossing over bridges that are engineering masterpieces!

WHAT A RIDE!!!

Social Membership is required.

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Suggested ages for this trip: 20 to 30 years old



THE GRAND TOUR OF SWITZERLAND

With its unspoiled scenery, majestic peaks, fascinating old towns, sparkling lakes, rich history, and cities with a cosmopolitan flair, Switzerland is the perfect -- offering something for everyone.



DAY TO DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 - SATURDAY, JULY 20: ARRIVE IN ZURICH, SWITZERLAND

Check into your hotel in Zurich and start exploring with the assistance of your CosmosGO app. Tonight, meet your Tour Director and travel companions. (D)

Day 2 - SUNDAY - JULY 21: ZURICH-APPENZELL-LIECHTENSTEIN-ST. MORITZ

A sensational drive today takes you through some of Switzerland's most renowned cantons. Stop in Appenzell to see the Old Town with its 16th-century Town Hall. Continue to the minute Principality of Liechtenstein for a visit of its tiny capital, Vaduz. Pass through scenic "Heidiland" and into the Rhine Valley before ascending mighty Julier Pass. Soon, you'll be in the heart of Switzerland's largest canton, the Grisons, where you'll marvel at some of the world's best alpine views. Spend the next two nights in glamorous St. Moritz, host of two Winter Olympic Games (1928 and 1948) and the premier winter retreat of European royalty, celebrities, and the international jet set for more than a century. (B,D) Today's Distance: 177 mi/ 285 km

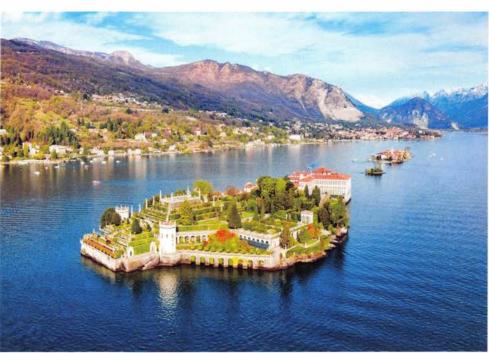
Day 3 - MONDAY - JULY 22: AT LEISURE IN ST. MORITZ

Enjoy a day to explore this scenic Engadin valley resort. Renowned for its stunning forest, lake, and mountain setting and an average of 322 days of sunshine per year, St. Moritz is comprised of two villages separated by a mile of lake shore—St. Moritz Dorf and St. Moritz Bad. Extending up the slope from the lake, terraced Dorf is a tapestry of grand hotels, upscale boutiques, and traditional Engadin architecture, characterized by arched wooden doors, small deep-set windows, and artistically etched facades. The nearby town of Bad is known for its ice rink, mineral and mud baths, and lakeside promenade. (B)

Day 4 - TUESDAY - JULY 23: ST. MORITZ-BERNINA EXPRESS TRAIN TO TIRANO, ITALY-LUGANO, SWITZERLAND

Experience one of Europe's most spectacular train rides, the Bernina Express. Board the train in St. Moritz, and travel across the lofty Bernina Pass via the Swiss Poschiavo area to Tirano in the Italian Valtellina. Here, rejoin your coach and journey to the shores of sparkling Lake Lugano. Today's Distance by coach: 112 mi/ 180 km





Day 5 - WEDNESDAY - JULY 24: LUGANO-LAKE MAGGIORE, ITALY-ZERMATT AREA, SWITZERLAND

Discover the highlights of charming, subtropical Lugano before traveling to Lake Maggiore, Italy's second-largest lake. Consider joining the optional boat trip to visit to the garden island of Isola Bella with its splendid 17th-century palazzo (palace). Return to Switzerland via picturesque Simplon Pass to your overnight destination, a resort surrounded by Switzerland's highest mountains—+ The Matterhorn. (B,D)

Today's Distance: 168 mi/ 270 km

Day 6 - THURSDAY - JULY 25: ZERMATT AREA-LAUSANNE AREA

Time to stroll through car-free Zermatt, connected to Täsch with an alpine train. Maybe take a break to sample the local fare, like raclette (melted Swiss cheese), fondue, or hand-made chocolate. Perhaps shop for an authentic Swiss watch or Swiss Army knife. Then, rejoin the coach in Täsch and continue your journey through the vineyards and apricot groves of the lower Rhône Valley to crescent-shaped Lake Geneva, one of Europe's largest lakes. Today's Distance: 112 mi/ 180 km

Day 7 - FRIDAY - JULY 26: LAUSANNE AREA

Spend either a day at leisure exploring Lausanne and its environs, or join an optional excursion to charming Geneva with its cobblestoned Old Town and the Palais des Nations, European headquarters of the United Nations. (B)

Day 8 - SATURDAY - JULY 27: LAUSANNE AREA-GRUYÈRES-BERNE-INTERLAKEN-LUCERNE

The first stop today is in picturesque Gruyères to visit a local cheese factory. Then, on to Berne, Switzerland's charming 12th-century capital. The Old Town is a showcase of medieval architecture, arcaded shops, artistic fountains, and the landmark Zytglogge (clock tower), an ornate animated astronomical clock built in 1530. Travel on, skirting the shores of Lake Thun, and stop in the renowned resort of Interlaken for a visit before crossing Brünig Pass to Lucerne. (B)

Today's Distance: 155 mi/ 250 km

Day 9 - SUNDAY - JULY 28: LUCERNE-ZURICH

Discover the wonders of Lucerne, a city straight out of a storybook. Situated on Lake Lucerne beneath the snow-capped Alps, Lucerne highlights include cobblestone streets lined with frescoed homes, the world-famous Chapel bridge, and the poignant Lion monument. Perhaps choose from a wonderful selection of optional activities—the most popular is an excursion to mount Stanserhorn. Return to Zurich for an overnight. (B)

Today's Distance: 62 mi/ 100 km

Day 10 - MONDAY - JULY 29: ZURICH

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. (B)

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PRICING: Land ONLY – Air NOT included:\$2769.00 per person based on twin occupancy \$490.00 Single Supplement

All rates are subject to change & availability







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