



Men in traditional costume carrying the swiss cow bells and cheese wheels for a local festival © swiss-image.ch



Left: Rhaetian Railways © RhB; Stopping at Kleine Scheidegg, at the foot of the famous Eiger North Wall © Jungfrau Railways



BEST OF SWITZERLAND

11 Days - 10 Nights

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WATER TOWER OF LUCERNE

Archive, treasury and prison

The Water Tower is one of Lucerne's most well-known landmarks. Built in the first half of the 14th century, it predates the Chapel Bridge. The old stork's nest, which hasn't been occupied in a century, isn't its only noteworthy characteristic. The tower is octagonal in form, a shape that Kaiser Friedrich II loved and favoured for his most beautiful buildings. From its roof to the ground, the water tower measures 34.5 metres. Its circumference is a full 38 metres. In its long history, the enormous structure has served various purposes. First it was a defence and watchtower, and later it was used as an archive, treasury and preparation chamber. With walls measuring 4-5 metres thick, the lowest room was used as a prison cell. Its interior was completely dark, and the poor prisoners who came there had to sit on a toggle and be lowered into the cell through a hole. There was also a torture chamber in the late Middle Ages. Today, the middle floor is home to the headquarters of the Lucerne Artillery Association.

Price includes

- Swiss Transfer Ticket Combi Best of Switzerland with 8 first-class rail transfers (from/to Swiss border or airport rail station)
- Excursions to Jungfrauoch and Matterhorn Glacier Paradise (2nd class only)
- Reserved seats on the William Tell Express, Bernina Express, Glacier Express and GoldenPassLine Montreux-Interlaken
- Lunch on board the Glacier Express (excluding beverages)
- CHF 19.00 meal voucher per person and a souvenir on board the William Tell Express
- 2 nights in Lucerne, 1 night in Lugano, 1 night in St. Moritz, 2 nights in Zermatt, 1 night in Montreux, 2 nights in Interlaken, 1 night in Zurich, in a room with private facilities and breakfast daily
- 20% reduction voucher for entry to Swiss Miniature in Melide
- Any additional tickets for optional excursions to travel by rail, boat, postal-coaches & cable-cars can be purchased at 25-50% off the regular fares
- Service charges, taxes and VAT

Please Note: A one-way only seat reservation per person aboard the Glacier Express train is included in this package.

Does not include

- ◆ Train seat reservations unless otherwise stated



Above: Lucerne ©swiss-image.ch

Day 3 | Lucerne to Lugano

Board the Wilhelm Tell paddle steamer for the cruise to Flüelen (usually operated by paddle steamer, sometimes by motor boat). From Flüelen continue your journey through the famous Gotthard Tunnel to Bellinzona in a 1st class panoramic car. Change trains and continue your journey to Lugano. Overnight in Lugano. (B,L)

Day 4 | Lugano to St. Moritz

The Bernina Express of the Rhaetian Railway takes you along the UNESCO World Heritage route. Enjoy an Alpine switchback ride, taking you from a land of swaying palms to one of towering glaciers. Overnight in St. Moritz. (B)



Lucerne ©swiss-image.ch



Matterhorn from the Gornergrat © Zermatt Tourism

Day 5 | St. Moritz to Zermatt

Today board the Glacier Express which is one of the greatest train-journeys in the world! Travel from St.Moritz to Zermatt, on a 7½ hour railway journey across 291 bridges, through 91 tunnels and across the Oberalp Pass at 2,033 metres in altitude. Travel in comfort through the beauty of a landscape rich in mountain forests, alpine meadows, mountain streams and valleys, soaked in tradition and centuries-old culture. Overnight in Zermatt. (B)

Day 6 | Matterhorn Excursion

The Zermatt Bergbahnen AG takes you to the highest cable-car station in Europe at 388 metres. The 360° panorama is unique - do not miss their new highlights: Snow-Tubing, Cinema Lounge, Glacier Palace, Peak Shop and Viewing platform. Overnight in Zermatt. (B)

Day 7 | Zermatt to Montreux

Train journey to Montreux on the shore of Lake Geneva in the French part of Switzerland. Overnight in Montreux. (B)

Day 8 | Montreux to Interlaken

The GoldenPassLine train takes you through mountain villages to the Bernese Oberland. Overnight in Interlaken. (B)



Couple on the Jungfraubahn © Jungfrau Railways

Day 9 | Excursion to Jungfrauoch

The journey to the Jungfrauoch – Top of Europe, at 3,454 metres Europe's highest altitude railway station, is a highlight of your visit to Switzerland! It offers visitors a high-alpine wonder world of ice, snow and rock, which can be marvelled at from vantage terraces, the Aletsch Glacier or in the Ice Palace. Overnight in Interlaken. (B)



Glacier Express © RhB

Day 10 | Interlaken to Zurich

Travel by train to the lakeside discovery metropolis Zürich and enjoy some time at leisure. Overnight in Zürich. (B)

Day 11 | Depart Zurich

Depart Zurich for Swiss international border or airport rail station or continue your stay in Switzerland.



Zurich © Zurich Tourism



Prices are per person in Australian Dollars and are subject to currency fluctuation. This package is not to be used in conjunction with any other offer.

Best of Switzerland 11D/10N	3 Star Hotel		4 Star Hotel	
Prices from:	♂♀	♂	♂♀	♂
5 May - 29 Jun 2016, 18 Jul - 23 Oct 2016	2947	3425	3572	4299
30 Jun - 16 Jul 2016 (Montreux Jazz Festival dates*)	3099	3576	3724	4451
Additional nights				
Lucerne	146	146	223	223
Lugano	166	166	277	277
St Moritz	189	189	275	275
Zermatt	168	168	223	223
Montreux: / *Montreux Jazz Festival	194/ o/r*	194/ o/r*	261/ o/r*	261/ o/r*
Interlaken	231	231	307	307
Zurich	323	323	473	473

HOTEL LIST FOR INDEPENDENT SWISS RAIL PACKAGES

CITY	3-STAR HOTELS	4-STAR HOTELS	5-STAR HOTELS
Engelberg	Crystal	Ramada Hotel Regina Titlis	-
Geneva	Strasbourg-Univers	Cornavin, Montbrillant	-
Grindelwald	Derby	Kreuz & Post	-
Interlaken	City Hotel Oberland, Carlton-Europe, Weisses Kreuz, Beau Site, Bernerhof	Du Lac, Interlaken, Royal St. Georges, Metropole, Krebs*, Du Nord	Lindner Hotel Beau Rivage
Locarno	Du Lac, Dell' Angelo, Garni Muralto, Rosa Seegarten	Belvedere	-
Lucerne	Waldstätterhof, Drei Könige, Des Alpes, Ibis Styles, Le Stelle	Art Deco Hotel Montana, Radisson Blu, Ameron Flora, Cascada	-
Lugano	Continental Park, Delfino, International au Lac, Federale,	Lugano Dante Center, Novotel Lugano-Paridiso	-
Montreux	Helvetie	Eurotel Riviera, Grand Hotel Suisse Majestic	-
St. Moritz	Soldanella, Hauser, Laudinella, Bären	Art Boutique Monopol, Steffani*, Crystal	Badrutt's Palace
Zermatt	Sarazena, Bristol, Excelsior, Butterfly	Swiss Alpine Hotel Allalin, Alpen Resort, Simi, Walliserhof, La Ginabelle, Pollux, Parkhotel Beau Site, Mirabeau, Schlosshotel Zermatt	Mont Cervin Palace
Zurich	Comfort Inn Royal, Rütli	Central Plaza, Glockenhof, Steigenberger, Bellerive au Lac	-

*4-star PREMIUM



Lucerne © Holidays On Location



View over the town of St. Moritz