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Glacier Express on the Landwuser Viaduct ©Rhaetian Railways

## GLACIER EXPRESS ZERMATT - ST. MORITZ

An 8-hour railway journey across 291 bridges, through 91 tunnels and across the Oberalp Pass at 2'033 metres. The Glacier Express travels a picturesque route between the Graubünden holiday region, the sunny Valais region with its glacier landscape, and the regions of the South. Travel in comfort through the natural beauty of a landscape rich in ancient mountain forests, peaceful alpine meadows, rushing mountain streams and mountain valleys.

It was on June 25, 1930 that the Glacier Express commenced summer operations from Zermatt to St.Moritz, but it was to take more than 50 years before the trains were able to also cross the impassable Furka alpine route in winter. Construction work on the Furka tunnel between Oberwald and Realp began in 1973 and services could finally start on 26 June 1982, allowing the Glacier Express to run year-round.

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### SPECIAL NOTE

Hans Meier Tourist Ltd guarantee all departures. However, should group size be less than 12 passengers, Hans Meier Tourist Ltd reserves the right to operate the scheduled tour departures in a smaller vehicle type with a driver/guide. The tour company reserves the right to make changes to the tour program, without notice.

## SWISS SPLENDOUR TOUR WITH GLACIER EXPRESS

7 Days / 6 Nights - Geneva - Geneva



### Price Includes:

- Accommodation in First-Class hotels, in room with private facilities
- Breakfast daily and lunch or dinners on days indicated (B), (L) or (D)
- Touring in deluxe air-conditioned coach
- Services of a multilingual tour director
- Portorage and baggage handling (1 piece per person)
- Service charges and taxes

### Day 1 | Geneva – Montreux – Zermatt

Commence the day with a city tour of Geneva. In the late morning depart Geneva and drive to Lausanne and Montreux. You will pass Chillon Castle, the 13th century fortress made famous by Lord Byron's poem. In the afternoon proceed through the Valais. At Täsch board a cogwheel train that takes you to Zermatt at the foot of the mighty Matterhorn. Dinner and overnight in Zermatt at a first-class hotel. (D)

### Day 2 | Zermatt

Full day at leisure in Zermatt. Admire the quaint old farm houses and barns in their unique style, do some shopping or relax. Dinner and overnight in Zermatt at a first-class hotel. (B,D)

### Day 3 | Zermatt (unescorted) – Glacier Express Train – St. Moritz

Today you will travel on the 'Glacier Express Train' boarding in Zermatt for a morning departure. A magnificent travelling day is ahead of you. Seated in a 2<sup>nd</sup> class compartment. During the journey enjoy a delicious 3-course lunch, served at your seat. In the late afternoon you will arrive at St. Moritz. Dinner and overnight in St. Moritz at a first-class hotel. (B,L,D)

### Day 4 | St. Moritz – Vaduz – Zurich

Depart St. Moritz in the morning and cross the Julier Pass to Chur, the oldest town in Switzerland which has a settlement history of over 5000 years. Continue to the Principality of Liechtenstein and visit Vaduz its capital. This tiny country with the mighty castle, which is home to the present Prince and his family, attracts visitors from all over the world. In the afternoon return to Zurich through the Toggenburg region with its picturesque farmhouses. Arrival in Zurich at approx. 5 p.m. Dinner on your own. Overnight at a first class hotel. (B)

### Day 5 | Zurich – Rapperswil – Boat ride on Lake Zurich

At 10 am the bus will collect you for a tour that shows you the most interesting sights of Zurich and its surroundings starting with a city tour of Zurich. Along the Höhenstrasse that offers spectacular views into the Alps, you will drive to Rapperswil, the town of the roses, where you will see the rose garden, the castle and the deer park at the Lindenhof. Return to Zurich by boat at approx. 4 pm – return to your hotel. Overnight in Zurich at a first-class hotel. (B)

### Day 6 | Zurich – Lucerne – Mt. Titlis – Interlaken

Depart Zurich at 8:30 am. A short drive takes you to the city of Lucerne where you'll visit the Lion Monument and walk over the 14th century wooden bridge. Time at leisure for shopping and sightseeing. At noon proceed to the mountain resort of Engelberg. A cable-car ride to the summit of Mount Titlis brings you up into the high alpine region. Enjoy a ride in the world's revolving 'ROTAIR' gondola. In the afternoon cross the Brünig Pass to the Bernese Oberland to reach the village of Brienz, where you will see woodcarvers at work. Continue to Interlaken at the foot of Jungfrau mountain. Overnight in Interlaken at a first-class hotel. (B)

### Day 7 | Interlaken – Bern – Gruyères – Geneva

Depart Interlaken in the morning and drive along Lake Thun to the Swiss capital, Bern. The city is set on a steep-sided curve of the River Aare and backed by the majestic alps. A city tour to the Old Town includes the Clock Tower, Kramgasse, and the 15<sup>th</sup> century Cathedral of St. Vincent. A drive south takes us to the dairy farmlands, to Gruyères: a beautiful hilltop town, preserved against time with its impressive, medieval castle. An informative visit to a milk products factory is a further highlight of the day. Continue driving to the Vaud Riviera and reach Geneva. Tour ends at approx. 5:30 pm. (B)

As the tour ends late in the day, consider pre-booking a night in Geneva or other arrangements.



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2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Rail	3915	3815
1 <sup>st</sup> Class Rail	4175	3075
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